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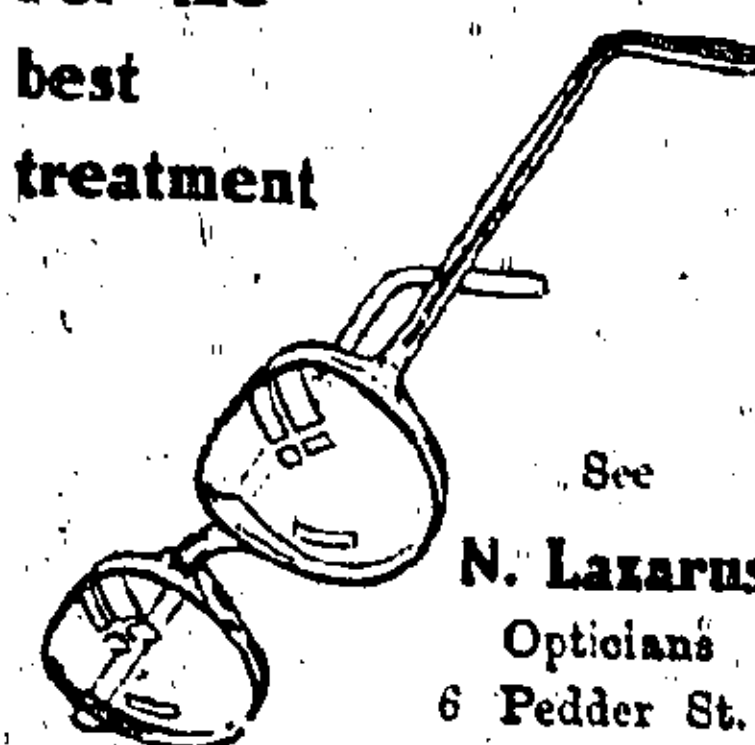
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Mr. Cordell Hull

America Will Send Stiff Note To Tokyo

Washington, Dec. 13: As soon as it is established that the Japanese were responsible for the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay the most stiffly worded note yet to be sent will be despatched to Tokyo. But the way in which both Government and Congress leaders received the news of the disaster makes it certain that there will be no precipitate action.—Reuter.

ESSENTIAL POLICY OF AMERICA

Washington, Dec. 13. Instead of staying up awaiting news, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, went to bed last night determined to sleep on the incident before he and his advisers draft up whatever protest is necessary. It is obvious that the State Department is doing everything to make public reaction as calm as possible.

The "Washington Herald" reflects this determination and says, "America has no interests that can drag us into the war because the Far East is in a ferment. Our essential policy is to avoid war. We are ill-equipped to wage war and at the same time protect the lives of Americans in the Far East." It is felt here that had another Lusitania been involved instead of a gunboat, national indignation would be tempered by the realities of the situation.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE DEFENCES

Increase In Expenditure

Singapore, Dec. 13. A Bill will be placed before the Straits Settlements legislature for an increase in expenditure of local defences from £57,000 to £70,000 annually. Another Bill regarding "Black-out" in specific areas has been introduced.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH Talamba Inquest Verdict EVIDENCE OF CHIEF MANAGER OF KOWLOON DOCKS

A verdict of accidental death and that they were satisfied that every precaution was taken to prevent accidents, was returned by a jury, comprising Messrs. G. A. Pentreath (Foreman), A. Raymond and A. R. H. Phillips, at the inquest into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of Shen Kung-fan, and three others who were suffocated while at work aboard the B. I. s.s. Talamba at the Kowloon Docks on November 28. The Talamba was swept ashore off Devil's Point in Lyeemum Pass during the disastrous typhoon on the morning of September 2.

Mr. K. Keen sat as Coroner and Inspector T. O'Connor was present on behalf of the police.

At yesterday's hearing, Mr. V. C. Branson, Government Analyst, testified that he said that he examined a sample of the blood of So Chan who also died in the Talamba, and found no evidence of the gas.

On or about October 10 he went on board the Talamba together with the Port Health Officer and found that there was a large quantity of fermenting rice which gave off carbon dioxide and sulphuretted hydrogen. He said that it was his first experience to find the latter gas being given off from fermenting rice.

Dr. C. Y. Kok, the then medical officer-in-charge of the Kowloon Public Mortuary, and now Health Officer in the New Territories, stated, in his report, that the cause of death of the four workmen was due to gas and drowning.

MANAGER'S EVIDENCE

Mr. E. Cock, B.Sc., M.I.N.A., M.B.E., Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company Ltd., giving evidence said that the Kowloon Docks had taken the salvage work in hand before salvage operations commenced there was a large quantity of rice in the holds of the Talamba. The rice in No. 4 hold was removed before salvage work was started. The rice was removed with great difficulty by divers as No. 4 hold was under water.

"There were matters of time and cost and the safety of the ship had to be considered as she was lying in a nearly upright position with much of the ground excavated or washed away under the port side for the purpose of patching the holds on that side," said witness. (Continued on Page 8)



To-day is the 42nd birthday of King George VI, second son of the late King George V and Queen Mary.

ITALO-FRENCH RAPPROCHEMENT

Belgrade, Dec. 13: During the French Foreign Minister, M. Delbos' visit to Yugo-Slavia the final touch will be given for the signature of the trade agreement between France and Yugo-Slavia. It is understood that M. Stoyadinovich had been instructed by Italy to approach M. Delbos for an Italo-French rapprochement and also be told the French Foreign Minister that Yugo-Slavia will not sign the Anti-Comintern Pact.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

U.S.S. PANAY DISASTER Causes Profound Sensation In Japanese Official Circles HIROTA EXPRESSES REGRETS

Tokyo, December 13.

The American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew, called on the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hirota, at 10 a.m., and pointed out that he had received reports that Japanese shells were falling close to the U.S.S. Panay in the vicinity of Nanking and asked the Japanese authorities to exercise caution.

Later in the morning, upon receipt of information from the Ministry of Navy that Japanese planes had sunk three Standard Oil Company tankers and the Panay, Mr. Hirota personally called on Mr. Grew and expressed most profound regrets and apologies. The War Minister, General Sugiyama, and the Navy Minister, Admiral Yonai, called on the Military and Navy attaches for the same purpose.

The incident caused a most profound sensation in Japanese official circles which is very anxious to build up the most friendly Japanese-American relations with the view to preventing Anglo-American co-operation in the Far Eastern situation.—Reuter.

76 PERSONS ABOARD PANAY

Shanghai, Dec. 13: It is learned that a party of Japanese Army officers escorted by armed soldiers boarded the U.S.S. Panay at 11 a.m. yesterday and courteously exchanged information about the situation at Nanking and asked the destination of the Panay. During the visit many armed Japanese troops came alongside in sampans and trained weapons towards the Panay. The American Embassy understands that seventy-six persons were aboard the Panay including 54 crew and six Chinese.

The Chinese Foreign Office has instructed the Anhwei provincial authorities to ensure the safety of the survivors of the Panay disaster and to give them every aid possible.

It is learned that H.M.S. Ladybird sustained six hits during the Japanese attack yesterday. One shell holed No. 2 oil and fuel tank and another blew off the officers' quarters. A third demolished the wireless aerial.

An assurance that everything possible will be done to respect British shipping concentration near Nanking was received by the British authorities at Wuhu from Admiral Hasegawa. The British Embassy flag was hoisted at Hankow for the second time in history in the most of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank building where the Embassy has established offices. The first time was on the occasion of H.E. Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen's visit in the spring when it was hoisted at the Consulate-General.—Reuter.

WITHDRAWAL OF ITALY NOT REGRETTED

London, Dec. 13: Mr. Clement Attlee, Leader of the Opposition, said that he did not regret the withdrawal of Italy from the League. A Government which had practised aggression in Abyssinia, attacking the legitimate Government of Spain and had shown disregard for all international rules did not bring strength to the League but weakened it.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.



Vice-Admiral Hasegawa

Japanese Offer Full Reparation

RUSHING AID TO U.S.S. PANAY

Shanghai, Dec. 13: It is understood that Vice-Admiral Hasegawa, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Third Fleet, has offered Admiral H. E. Yarnell, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, full reparation in connection with the U.S.S. Panay disaster.—Reuter.

PLANE WITH DOCTORS

Shanghai, Dec. 13: Despite the danger of mines and Chinese gunfire, a Japanese mine-sweeper is proceeding at full speed to Hohsen from Chinkiang to render every possible aid to the survivors of the U.S.S. Panay disaster, according to an official Japanese announcement which adds that a tri-motored Japanese bomber will fly to Hohsen from Shanghai tomorrow morning with doctors and medical supplies. The plane will convey any more of the seriously injured who wish to enter hospital in Shanghai.

Vice-Admiral Hasegawa, has invited Admiral Yarnell, to send officers with the party.—Reuter.

ARAB KILLED

Jerusalem, Dec. 13: One Arab believed to be a police informer was fatally wounded in Haifa today. A young Jew was seriously hurt when a shot was fired at him while riding a bicycle in western Jerusalem.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

SPANISH WAR NEWS

Paris, Dec. 13. "Havas" reports that Madrid was heavily shelled last night. The attack began at 7.30 p.m. and was intensified two hours later. Many lives are reported to have been lost during the bombardment.

A number of shells were fired on Valencia by an insurgent warship but a Spanish Government report on the attack made no mention of casualties.

The Government claimed to have made an air raid on Saragossa with considerable success.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

PEAK HOUSES ROBBED

Gold ornaments, jewellery and money to the total value of approximately \$3,300, were reported stolen early yesterday morning from houses in The Peak district. The occupants of No. 198 suffered the heaviest loss, property to the value of \$3,000 being stolen.

Chinese Advised Not To Be Disheartened

Hankow, December 13: A timely advice to the Chinese not to feel disheartened at the present Japanese attack on Nanking, the capital of China, was given by Mr. Shao Li-tze, Chairman of the Central Publicity Council, in the course of a radio speech broadcast at Hankow last night.

Even the fall of Nanking which is not unexpected in the present war of protracted resistance should arouse no undue worry and pessimism, Mr. Shao declared.

Citing similar cases in history in which national capitals were threatened by alien invasion, Mr. Shao said that during the World War the capitals of France and Turkey had to be removed from Paris and Constantinople to Bordeaux and Angora respectively.

With the removal of the National Government to Chungking, Nanking, Mr. Shao pointed out, has lost its political and even military significance. The reason why the Chinese forces are bitterly defending the city is to show that China will not surrender any territory without resistance.

Mr. Shao was confident that like France and Turkey, China will recover her lost territory and win the final victory, if her people are persistent in resistance to Japan.—Central News.

Pres. Hoover Feared Total Loss

Manila, Dec. 13: After spending two nights huddled in makeshift shelters on the barren Islands of Holshoto and Hayake, the passengers and crew of the Dollar liner, President Hoover, which went aground on Saturday morning while en route to Hong Kong from the North, are being taken off to-day by the President McKinley.

It is assumed that a skeleton crew is being maintained aboard the President Hoover but it is feared that the 21,936-ton liner will become a total loss. The three forward holds are leaking badly.—Reuter.

PASSENGERS ON WAY TO MANILA

Manila, Dec. 13: Four hundred and fifty-three of the President Hoover's passengers including those bound for Hong Kong are at present en route to Manila aboard the Pres. McKinley which is expected here on Wednesday. It is understood the Pres. Hoover is expected at the scene of the Hoover disaster to-morrow.—Reuter.

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OCCUPATION OF NANKING

Announcement By Japanese

Shanghai, Dec. 13: General Matsui's headquarters announced the complete occupation of Nanking at sunset.—Reuter.

PEIPING BEFLAGGED

Peiping, Dec. 13: The streets of Peiping are beflagged in anticipation of the Japanese occupation of Nanking. School children are instructed to take part in parades and the parents of those refusing to do so will be considered as Communists. Instructions were issued by the Peace Maintenance Commission appointed by the Japanese.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

MR. R. G. HOWE LEAVING FOR HOME

Shanghai, Dec. 13: It is learned that the Charge D'Affaires, Mr. R. G. Howe, and the Chinese Secretary, Mr. A. D. Blackburn, will leave for home at the end of the year. The consensus of opinion of leading Britishers is that the absence of the Ambassador, Charge D'Affaires as well as Admiral Sir Charles Little is inconsistent with proper representation of British interests and is likely to convey an impression with the Chinese and Japanese that Britain is indifferent to the greatest crisis in the Far East.—Reuter.

Poor Law For The Colony

CHILD WELFARE INTERESTS H.E. THE GOVERNOR

Comment on the question of a Poor Law for the Colony and a promise to give the matter his personal consideration were made by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, at the annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children, held at the Helena May Institute last evening. His Excellency also promised to look into the matter of some sort of reform of procedure in the Juvenile Courts, which subject had been touched upon by His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in his speech seconding the proposal for the adoption of the report and accounts for the year.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the Press for publicity given the Society, proposed by Mr. G. P. de Martin, and seconded by Mr. Tang Shul-kin, was carried.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH
In opening the meeting, the President, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, said:

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THE DOLLAR

T.T. ON NEW YORK: 30-15/16.
T.T. ON LONDON: 1s. 2 7/8d.
London Silver Market
(From Our Own Correspondent).
London, Dec. 13.
London silver prices to-day were up 5/16 for "Spot" and "Forward," as follows:—
Dec. 12 Dec. 13
Spot18-13/1618-1/2
Forward18-1/218-3/5



Sochow: Remains of one carriage where many people met their death after Japanese bombing.

Incendiary Bombs And Fire

INTERESTING TALK BY MR. FITZ-HENRY AT CHINA FLEET CLUB

The lecture on the "Effects and Characteristics of, and Measures for Protection against, Incendiary Bombs and Fire," by Mr. J. C. Fitz Henry, M.I. Fire E., Superintendent of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade, at the China Fleet Club Theatre last evening, attracted a packed-to-capacity attendance, showing the very great interest taken in air raid precautions by the Government and public of Hong Kong.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Fitz Henry said:—
The purpose of this lecture is to consider the increase in fire risk likely to be caused by the dropping of incendiary bombs from aircraft and the questions involved in meeting this risk. For easy reference, I propose to classify my lecture into several parts.

(1) Incendiary bombs with brief reference to type and construction.
(2) The effects of incendiary bombs falling on or into premises and methods of dealing with them.
(3) Fire precautions and formation of auxiliary fire units in

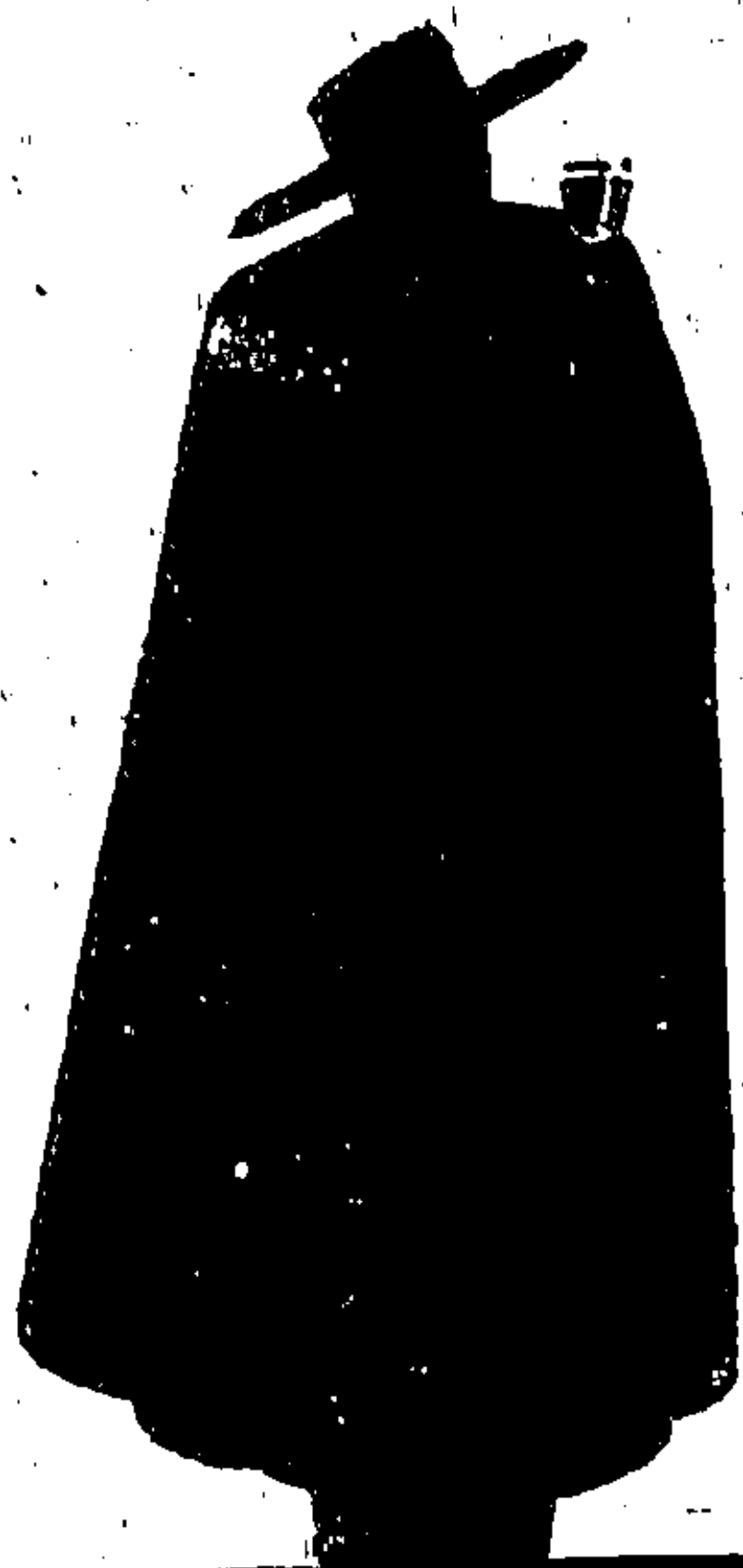
business and industrial undertakings.

(4) Functions of the Government Fire Brigade under air-raid conditions.

(5) Outline of precautions recommended to be taken by householders.

Incendiary bombs which are likely to be dropped from aircraft may vary in weight from 2 to 60 pounds, but it is more likely that the lighter type of bomb would be dropped as this would enable aircraft to carry sufficient bombs to start many fires in widely separated localities with a view to disorganising the passive defence arrangements and creating general panic among the populace.

A large variety of materials has been considered as constituents of incendiary bombs, some being preferred to others for the high degree of heat intensity they generate. The most likely constituents to be encountered would be oil, magnesium, phosphorus, carbon disulphide, thermite and thermal-jet owing to their cheapness over other materials and the fact that (Continued on page 9)



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CAUSED A CEMENT "FOG"

Alleged Theft Of Gunny Bags

Three unemployed youths, Chan Pin, Chan Ngan and Chan Ho, were charged before Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday with theft of 65 gunny bags from the Shun Hing building contractors.

Detective-Serg. H. J. Baldwin said that on the day previous to the theft, Chan Ngan went to the firm and asked to buy a number of gunny bags. The price quoted did not suit him. On the following day together with the two other defendants he went again to the firm and agreed to purchase the sacks at the price asked for. The master and accountant of the firm placed 155 sacks for inspection. Having got the sacks the three defendants dusted them violently causing a cement "fog" in the godown, causing the master and accountant to leave the premises. During the absence of the owners it was alleged that the three defendants slipped a number of sacks to two others through the back door which was forced open. When the dust cleared and the owners returned and found that a great number of the sacks were missing they had a quarrel. A Chinese detective who was passing the godown arrested the three defendants. A carpenter who was passing the back lane of the godown saw two strangers carrying away two baskets containing sacks. A further remand of 48 hours was granted by Mr. Keen when the carpenter refused to attend Court to give evidence saying that he had lost much business and money on two previous occasions when he had to attend Court for a remand.

"DOG-EATING" HOUSE

When Senior Sanitary Inspector Taylor visited No. 12 Aberdeen Street, second floor, an unlicensed eating house, on Sunday, he found a dog-eating establishment in full swing. There were four men and a woman at a table eating dog-flesh and raw vegetable, and in the kitchen were 55 pots of ready-cooked dog flesh. Two boilers on chafins contained more of the flesh, and hanging on a rack were one whole carcass and one half carcass of a dog. In a cupboard of the room were several bottles which had contained Chinese wine and several ordinary Chinese wine glasses and tumblers were also found. Arrested on the premises, Ying Nam, 28, unemployed, was brought before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday where he pleaded guilty to keeping the place as an eating-house. Mr. Taylor asked for a serious view to be taken. In no case would the premises have been granted a licence. He added that he had no doubt that most of the dogs that disappeared went there. His Worship imposed a fine of \$100, and ordered that a distress warrant be issued if the man could not pay the fine.

JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANTS

Judgment for defendants with costs was delivered by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, in the Summary Court yesterday, in the case of the Yeung Fat Co. (plaintiffs), of No. 20 Queen's Road Central, contractors, against the Lal To Construction Co. (defendants), contractors, of Whitfield Barracks, Austin Road, claiming for the return of goods and chattels (alleged to have been detained by defendants) or the sum of \$176.64 being their value.

Mr. H. L. Kwan, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the plaintiffs, whilst the defendants were represented by Mr. M. W. Lo, of Messrs. Lo and Lo.

In the claim, it was stated that the defendants detained from the plaintiffs, the goods and chattels consisting of new and old pan roll tiles to the value of \$77.84, particulars of which were as follows: 2,750 new pan tiles valued at \$190.98, and 3,920 old roll tiles valued at \$35.28.

WOOD THIEF FINED

Arrested in Island Road near Snaukiwan carrying tree wood, Ng Po, 29, unemployed, assaulted Police Constable V. Morrison. Brought before Mr. R.A.D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday on the two charges, he was fined a total of \$20, with the alternative of five weeks' hard labour.

WOMAN RAVES IN COURT

Admitting that she was a prostitute, but denying that she had been soliciting, Lee-Yee, aged 29, created a loud disturbance in the second Court at the Central Magistracy yesterday when fined \$50, with the alternative of six weeks' imprisonment, by Mr. R. Edwards. She raved and shouted, and threatened to die before His Worship. Two policemen could not get her into the cells below, as she hung on to the bars of the dock, and eventually she had to be carried over the court-room. Even then her cries penetrated into the precincts of the Court.

Before she was convicted, evidence was given by Lance-Corporal D. Duncan of the Military Police, who said he was in patrol in Johnston Road and saw defendant approach a European and speak to him, after which, she came up to witness himself, and asked him to go home with her, a sum of money being mentioned. Up to now defendant had been quite calm but in the course of the statement which she now elected to give, she got more and more excited, and when His Worship passed sentence, she carried on in the manner described above.

Sub-Inspector Madgwick prosecuted.

POLICE REPORTS

Included in the Police reports yesterday were the following items: Mr. E. Davidson, of 191 the Peak, stated that some unknown person or persons entered his residence and decamped with money and jewellery to the value of \$25.

Mrs. Lammert of No. 65 D Wong-kei-chong Road, made a report to the effect that an unknown person by the means of a duplicate key entered her flat and stole money and clothing to the value of \$47.

Mr. A. Murdoch, of 192 the Peak, reported that his residence was entered and jewellery to the value of \$50 was stolen.

Leung Kau, 5-year-old boy, was removed to the Kowloon Hospital with injuries to his right leg when knocked down by motor lorry No. 1815 at the junction of Argyle Street and Reclamation Street, Kowloon.

Mr. S. S. Church, of 198, the Peak, reported that money and jewellery to the value of \$420 had been stolen.

CONSULAR CHANGES

Mr. Makamura, former Japanese Consul in Canton, is due here on December 15 to take over as Consul General in Hong Kong in place of Mr. K. Midsuzawa who leaves for Honolulu on December 18.

ROBBERY CHARGE

Appearing before Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Lo Kam, aged 32, unemployed, charged with armed robbery at No. 257, Reclamation Street, second floor, on November 3 when it is alleged he robbed Professor Wong Ngai-wan, of the Canton University, of two leather suit cases containing 29 pieces of clothing, a passport and two fountain pens, was remanded for three days on the application of Detective-Serg. Baldwin.

FUNERAL OF MRS. STANESBY

The funeral of the late Mrs. Francis Stanesby, wife of Mr. S. J. C. Stanesby of the Hong Kong Electric Company, took place yesterday afternoon at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, in the presence of a large gathering of friends.

The burial service was conducted by the Rev. H. W. Barnes. Among the many wreaths was one from Syd, Audrey and Colin, the deceased's husband and children.

Others were sent by Mum and Dad, Dora and Bill, Babs and John, Sonny and Mary, Harry and Mac, Betty, Bill and Little Bill, Owen and Kay, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Maughan, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Langston, Mr. and Mrs. V. Sorby, Capt. and Mrs. Westlake, Mr. and Mrs. L. de Rome, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gahan, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Stopani-Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Jarvis, Mr. Leung Fattin, Staff of Building Ordinance Office, P.W.D., Gibbs, Livingston & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., Local Staff of Hong Kong Electric Co., Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club.

MUI-TSAI CASE

Another adjournment was ordered by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday in the case in which Yu Chan, married woman, aged 36, is charged with keeping an unregistered mui-tsai, ill-treating her, and assaulting her. Mr. H. W. Fraser of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs is prosecuting and Mr. W. M. Brown of Hastings and Co., is for the defence. It is alleged by the prosecution that the girl had been ill-treated and recently she had been assaulted by being struck over the head and face by defendant. Evidence to that effect was given.

The case will probably be resumed on December 22.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Ng Sai-cheung, aged 33, native of Amoy, and residing at No. 209 Wing Lok Street, described as a salesman, was fined \$10 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday for behaving in a riotous and disorderly manner in Wing Lok Street whilst drunk on Friday night.

STOLE JUDGES' WIGS

Sentence of two months' imprisonment was passed at Bow-street on Joseph Pearce, 47, a judges' messenger, of Siddons-road, Tottenham, for stealing three judges' wigs from the Royal Courts of Justice.

The wigs, which were valued at \$37 12s, belonged to Lord Justice Scott, Lord Justice Glesser and Lord Justice Greer.

REDUCTION OF CAPITAL

Before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday the cancellation of 15,833 shares of \$5 each of the unissued capital and the reduction of the issued capital from \$4,421,835 to \$2,210,917.50 of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. was confirmed.

The petitioners were presented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. P. M. Hodgson.

PRES. HOOVER

News received in the Colony yesterday indicated that the President McKinley had reached the stranded Dollar Liner Hoover, which ran aground on Holshoto Island, south of Formosa, early on Saturday morning. It is believed that the Pres. McKinley attempted to embark the passengers of the Hoover, who were ashore on the island, yesterday.

The President Hoover was on her way to Manila from Kobe when she struck. She carried passengers and crew to a total of over 800. Immediately news of the grounding was known, the Empress of Asia, the German steamer Preussen, the President McKinley and two American destroyers, the Barker and Alden, rushed to her aid, but all the passengers were transferred ashore in the ship's lifeboats without mishap.

The ship is reported to be badly damaged, and pounding heavily.

Operations by foreign salvage vessels are prohibited in the waters the Hoover is stranded, and the Talkoo tug was unable to set out on Saturday as planned. A Japanese salvage ship, the Yusho Maru, left Hong Kong on Sunday night, carrying salvaging equipment. Mr. T. B. Wilson, local Agent of the Dollar Line and Mr. T. Brayfield, marine surveyor, the vessel is expected to arrive at Holshoto Island this afternoon, and will remain there until the arrival of another tug, the Miho Maru, from Moji.

"ASPRO" FOR THE TROOPS

In response to an appeal made by the Chinese Women's Soldiers Relief Association in Hong Kong Messrs. Nicholas Pty., Ltd., manufacturers of "Aspro" in Australia are sending out 100 bottles of Aspro at a cost of \$1,000 for distribution in the Chinese war zones. The shipment left Melbourne on December 2nd and will arrive in Hong Kong at the beginning of January.

THE ARCADIAN

For the convenience of Kowloon residents seats for the first two evenings of "The Arcadians" production may now be booked at the Peninsula Hotel reception counter. "The Arcadians" is being presented by the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society at the Queen's Theatre for four nights commencing on Wednesday at 8.20 p.m.

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

(Orders by Mr. C. G. Ferdue, Acting Inspector General of Police)

CHINESE COMPANY

Training Course—Part II. The undermentioned members have passed Part II of Training Course (Knowledge of Police Duties and Regulations) on Tuesday, November 16, 1937:—

Constables: R4 Tam Hiu Fung, R23 Kong Kar Yan, R43 Lau Chik Ka, R40 Thomas Thim Wong, R49 Lam Man, R50 Sit Pui Hang, R56 Wan Chu, R58 Chiu Tann Ki, R60 George Chan, and R64 Yam Ping Yue.

Anti Gas Lectures. The undermentioned members will report daily at Chinese Company Headquarters at 17.30 hours on Tuesday, December 14 to Friday, December 17 for Anti Gas Lectures:—

Constables: R1 Harry Lau, R2 Chan Tak Chiu, R3 Luk Ying Choh, R4 Tam Hiu Fung, R5 Woo How Ching, R6 Chan Tak Chiu, R9 Wong Yue Shuen, R11 Kwok She Chau, R14 Leung Fat, R15 Chan Wing Soon and R20 Leung On Tai.

INDIAN COMPANY

Patrol Duty. Nightly between 18.00 hours and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

FLYING SQUAD

Instructional Patrol. The instructional patrol for members of the Flying Squad will take place on Friday, December 17, 1937. All members will parade at Central Police Station at 17.15 hours. Dress—Blue Uniform, and Cap with White Cover.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Strength. Constables R411 N. S. Daghlan and R444 W. E. Dorabjee have been taken on the strength of the Emergency Unit Reserve, with effect from December 11, 1937.

Patrol Duties. All members of the Emergency Unit Reserve will report for duty at their stations at 19.45 hours on Friday, December 17, 1937. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with no cover, Blue Puttees, Belt with Brace, Truncheons, and Revolvers to be carried.

C. CHAMPKIN,
D. S. P. (R)

Hong Kong, Monday, Dec. 13.



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FIRING ON BRITISH SHIPS A MISTAKE

*Japanese Admit Error
But Say Had Orders
To Bombard All
Shipping*

Hankow, Dec. 13.
Admitting that to fire on British gunboats was a mistake, Colonel Hashimoto, present senior Japanese officer in the Wuhu area, said to-day that the Japanese had orders to fire on every ship in the Yangtse.

The statement was made in reply to representations by Mr. H. I. Prideaux-Bruno, the British Consul at Nanking, following yesterday's incidents at Wuhu.

It appears that Mr. Prideaux-Bruno, Lieut.-Col. Lovat-Fraser, British Military Attaché, and Flag Captain G. E. M. O'Donnell of H.M.S. Ladybird arrived at Wuhu at 7.30 a.m. yesterday aboard the British Lumber Company's, (Butterfield and Swire) tug Tsing Tah. After they had embarked in H.M.S. Ladybird which was lying in mid-stream a little way above Wuhu, Japanese troops on shore opened up with machine-guns on the Tsing Tah which immediately went down river. The firing was kept up until the tug was out of range.

SAILOR KILLED

The Ladybird steamed up in order to proceed alongside to protest at the incident, when, just as she was weighing anchor, Japanese field batteries, clearly visible on the shore, opened up on the merchant ships concentrated above the A.P.C. installation. The firing was kept up until the Ladybird was abreast of the Wuhu General Hospital, when the gunboat sustained four direct hits, which killed A. B. T. N. Lanergan, seriously injured another and slightly wounded several others, including Captain O'Donnell.

A direct hit was also suffered by Jardine's Suwo, which was lying astern of H.M.S. Ladybird and was being utilised as a hulk after the destruction of the regular hulk on Sunday.

CONSUL PROTESTS

An hour after the firing had ceased H.M.S. Bee arrived at Wuhu and was also fired on by Japanese field guns, at one time from a range of only 400 yards, but no hits were recorded.

The damage to the Tsing Tah and Suwo has not yet been ascertained.

Later Mr. Prideaux-Bruno, Lieut.-Col. Lovat-Fraser and Captain O'Donnell went ashore to protest to Col. Hashimoto, who stated that he had ordered the Japanese to fire on every ship in the river, although he admitted firing on British gunboats was a mistake.

REPEATED ATTACKS

Hankow, Dec. 13.
British gunboats and merchant ships at Nanking yesterday were subjected to repeated aerial bombing and machine-gunning by Japanese planes.

The first attack was made at 1.30 p.m. when three Japanese machines power-dived and loosed eight bombs on H.M.S. Cricket and H.M.S. Scarab, both of which opened fire with Lewis guns.

The planes then attacked a concentration of British shipping two miles above Hsiakwan and dropped several bombs which fell perilously close to several vessels. The ships again opened fire with Lewis guns, whereupon a further batch of planes turned their attention to the gunboats and loosed six more medium-sized bombs, but no hits were registered.

The gunboats then brought their three-inch guns and pom-poms into play and the planes disappeared.

HASEGAWA TOLD

The concentration of British shipping was bombed a second time at 2.30 p.m. when the gunboats again opened fire. Neither the gunboats nor the British vessels were hit.

The Senior Naval Officer at Nanking, Captain Ashby of H.M.S. Cricket, sent a representation to the Japanese authorities after the first attack, and requested the Senior Naval Officer at Shanghai urgently to protest to Admiral Hasegawa and to ask for a guarantee for the safety of the British shipping concentrated at Nanking.

Orders to open fire on all aircraft whenever they definitely attacked were re-issued to all British gunboats.

A third attack on the shipping concentration was made later in the afternoon by three machines which loosed eight bombs. H.M.S. Cricket and H.M.S. Scarab replied

"AMOK ON THE YANGTSE"

**LONDON REACTIONS
TO JAPANESE
ATTACKS ON BRITISH
SHIPS AT WUHU**

London, Dec. 13.
The Japanese attacks on British gunboats form the subject of big headlines in the London press to-day.

The "Daily Telegraph" in a leader headed "Running Amok On The Yangtse," states: "Nothing that has happened in the Far East in recent months, not even the machine-gunning of the British Ambassador, could be more calculated to exacerbate feelings in this country against Japan than the outrages on the Yangtse."

The "Telegraph" adds that despite the seriousness of the attacks there will be a general desire in Britain to await a fuller investigation before it is believed the insult was as deliberate as it appeared.

Giving details of anti-British acts, the "Telegraph" says these can hardly be the responsible acts of the Japanese Government. The only conciliatory assumption is that various local commanders on the Yangtse are running amok in panic. It is to be hoped the Japanese Government will make proper amends.

The "Daily Express," which is more outspoken in referring to the attacks states: "The Japanese return again and again. This does not look like a 'mistake,' but whatever it is, be sure the aggressors will pay for it. We put down pirates in the West and we will know how to stop bandits in the East. The Japanese will not like that word. However, it applied."

LONDON ALERT

London, Dec. 12.
The attacks against the British warships in the Yangtse have created a deplorable impression in London, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Official circles at present have only brief confirmation of the incidents and are awaiting details of the whole circumstances of the attacks. These will be subjected to a close study immediately they are received.

"THE LIMIT"

London, December 13.
Headed "The Limit" the "News Chronicle" in an editorial referring to the Japanese attacks on British gunboats states that throughout the Sino-Japanese invasion Japan is showing a cynical disregard for the British flag. After detailing with the incidents the journal states that "Japan has so perfected the art of apology without repentance, she may think it possible to get away even with this latest outrage. She must be informed in the strongest possible terms that there is a limit to the patience even of the British nation and she must be required to pay such compensation as will make her try to exercise some check on her wilder warriors."

with their three-inch guns, pom-poms and Lewis guns.

B. AND S. SHIP BOMBED

Hankow, Dec. 13.
The B. and S. Whangpu and a hulk were bombed at Wuhu by Japanese planes yesterday afternoon. Two planes power-dived and loosed four bombs, but all fell wide of their mark.

PROTEST TO JAPANESE

Shanghai, Dec. 13.
The British authorities have protested to the Japanese authorities against the shelling and machine-gunning from shore and air attacks of British gunboats and merchant ships at Wuhu and near Nanking, in which one naval rating was killed and several others wounded.

PROTEST LODGED

Tokyo, Dec. 13.
Sir Robert Craigie called at the Foreign Office at 10.30 a.m. and drew attention to the seriousness of the Wuhu incident. Press reports from the Nanking Front state Japanese troops are pushing to the south towards Hsiakwan with the result that the Chinese garrison is virtually encircled, and "their virtual annihilation is considered merely a question of hours."

Japanese forces claim to have captured Fukow on Sunday evening.

DISORDERS IN BELGRADE

**Mixed Reception For
French Minister,
Delbos**

Belgrade, Dec. 12.
One person was killed and several wounded in demonstrations on the occasion of the arrival here of M. Yvon Delbos, the French Foreign Minister, who was met at the station by Dr. Milan Stoyadinovitch, the Yugo-Slavian Prime Minister, and other Ministers.

M. Delbos was greeted with wild scenes of enthusiasm, and women students marched through the streets singing the "Marseillaise," and waving French flags.

The trouble began when the police cordon outside of the Foreign Office was broken, and two shots were fired outside of the Czechoslovakian Legation. Mounted police with drawn swords dispersed the processions and seized a number of flags.

Demonstrations also occurred outside of the Chamber of Deputies.

SOVIET GENERAL ELECTION

Moscow, Dec. 13.
The Soviet General Election was marked by unprecedented enthusiasm according to the official Tass Agency. Over 100,000 polling stations were open from 6 a.m. to midnight, but so keen were the voters to vote early that in a number of localities the voting was completed by the afternoon. Millions of electors are reported to have striven to be the first to vote.

In some cases voting was done to the accompaniment of music and songs. Reports of enthusiastic polling were received from Arctic stations, ships on the high seas, hospitals, maternity homes and long distance trains.



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12.40 p.m. Cinema Organ.
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1 p.m. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m. New Mayfair Orchestra. Times. Of Not-So-Long-Ago—1921-22: Popular Songs; Medley of Well-Known Dance Tunes; 'The Millionaire Kid'—Selection (May-erl).

1.30 p.m. Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: Major H. S. Reed. Subject: 'What I have seen and what I have not seen in the New Territories of Hong Kong.'

2.15 p.m. The Changing Of The Guard—Ceremony.

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4-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7 p.m. Selections from Grand Opera.

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7.30 p.m. Closing local Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m. Studio—Eva Turner (Soprano) and Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).

1. Spring (Handel); 2. The Chestnut Tree; 3. Dedication (Schumann); Piano Interlude; 4. Sweet chance that led my steps (Michael Head); 5. Sweet Suffolk Owl (Elizabeth Poston); 6. The Lover's Maze; 7. Rest sweet Nymphs (Peter Warlock).

8 p.m. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. Studio—Nura Kanis (Piano) playing Schumann's 'Carnaval'.

8.25 p.m. Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Deutschemelster Regimental March (Jurek); Spring's Delight—March—Intermezzo (Albion); (Nevin); Salut D'Amour (Elgar); (Nevin); Salut D'Amour (Elgar); 1 Kiss Your Lips (Budelph); Where My Caravan Has Rested (Lohr); Love's Old Sweet Song (Molloy); Potpourri Of Waltzes. No. 3 (Robrecht).

8.55 p.m. London Relay—The Birthday Of His Majesty King George VI.

Salute of guns at the Tower of London, and a description of the scene, broadcast from the Tower of London.

9.10 p.m. London Relay—Military Band Music.

9.30 p.m. London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m. Dance Records.

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6.30 p.m. Chimes. Fifteen Minutes of Popular Music. 6.45 p.m. Sporting News and Notes. 7 p.m. News in French for listeners in New Caledonia and the New Hebrides. 7.20 p.m. National News Bulletin. 7.30 p.m. Queensland and North Australian News Bulletin. 7.40 p.m. News, Markets and Weather for North Australia. 8 p.m. Symphony Hour—The Sydney A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, with Ursula Malkin, Canadian Pianist.

9 p.m. Ballad Recital by Eileen Boyd, Contralto. 9.15 p.m. An Oriental Feature—"A Night in Istanbul." 10.15 p.m. Recorded Feature. 10.30 p.m. Australasian News Service. 10.50 p.m. Dance Music by Jim Davidson's A.B.C. Dance Band. 11.30 p.m. Close.

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TROTSKY ON
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REPLY TO CHARGE
OF SABOTAGE

"The greatest frame-up in human history," is Leon Trotsky's comment upon the series of which innumerable Soviet officials of high standing have been shot or exiled, after obligingly confessing their part in a far-reaching "Trotskyite" conspiracy to overthrow the Stalin régime.

Trotsky's reply to the charges brought against him in the course of these trials, and his surmise as to the meaning of Stalin's "purge," are published in "The Case of Leon Trotsky" (Secker and Warburg, 12s. 6). This is the verbatim report of the proceedings of the Preliminary Commission of Inquiry into the Charges Made against Trotsky, which sat from April 10 to 17, 1937, at Coyocacan, Mexico, under the chairmanship of Professor John Dewey, of Columbia University.

After hearing Trotsky's evidence and cross-examining him, the commission announced that "Mr. Trotsky has established a case amply warranting further investigation."

The crudest part of the judicial frame-up, Trotsky told the commission, was the charge of sabotage against the "Trotskyites."

"The 'Trotskyites,' we are told at every step," he went on, "constitute an insignificant handful, isolated from and hated by the masses. But in the court we hear of such methods of sabotage as would be possible only if the entire administrative apparatus were in the hands of saboteurs."

Trotsky refuted with vigour the charge that he had conspired with Germany and Japan.

"How could one hope," he asked, "to achieve power at the price of acts of high treason in the service of a foreign general staff? Is it not clear in advance that Hitler and the Mikado, after using such an agent to the limit, would fling him aside like a squeezed lemon?"

"The commission of terrorist acts—and especially sabotage—would, in its turn, require hundreds and even thousands of agents. Discovery, therefore, would be absolutely unavoidable—with simultaneous exposure of the alliance of the 'Trotskyites' with the Fascist and Japanese spies."

Trotsky believes that Stalin's "purge" was carried out for international reasons.

"If the Soviet bureaucracy," he declared, "does not want revolutions and fears them, it cannot at the same time openly renounce the revolutionary traditions without definitely undermining its prestige within the U.S.S.R. However, the obvious bankruptcy of the Comintern opens the idea of new revolutionary parties under the banner of the Fourth International has met with great success in the Old and New Worlds. It is for Stalin, a life-and-death question to kill the Fourth International while it is still in embryo." "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

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YEAR'S DRIVING BAN

Lady Aline Barnett, of Sopwell, St. Albans, Herts, was fined £4 and had her licence suspended for a year when she was summoned at Wealdstone, Middlesex, for exceeding the 30-m.p.h. speed limit. She pleaded not guilty.

It was stated that since 1921 Lady Aline Barnett had had 25 convictions for motoring offences. On this occasion she was travelling at 44 m.p.h.

Mr. H. T. Tregown, the chairman, said that the only redeeming feature was that the defendant's speed was not quite so great as on a previous occasion when a speed of 54 m.p.h. was alleged.

"Love Is Not So Simple" is the title one of the comedies being prepared for Greta Garbo. It has a continental background.

TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

Hong Kong

KING'S:
"The Prisoner of Zenda"
QUEEN'S:
"100 Men And A Girl"
ORIENTAL:
"Stowaway"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:
"Cattle Thief"
STAR:
"One Night of Love"

MAJESTIC:
"Women of Glamour"

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KING'S:
"Public Enemy's Wife"
QUEEN'S:
"Dr. Jeekyll and Mr. Hyde"

ORIENTAL:
"The Case of The Black Cat"
ALHAMBRA:
"A Successful Calamity"

STAR:
"The Count of Monte Cristo"
MAJESTIC:
"Good Dame"

CATTLE THIEF

Riding to the rescue of defenceless ranchers, averting a tremendous cattle stampede, saving the girl he loves, and protecting the honour of an invalid cattleman, Ken Maynard, king of the screen cowboys, again reveals himself as the fast-riding and quick thinking hero of the open range in "The Cattle Thief," his latest Columbia outdoor thriller which opens at the Alhambra Theatre to-day.

Maynard is at his best in this lightning-like action drama, for not only does he appear as a daring mystery rider who outwits his pursuers as he avenges the evil deeds of the treacherous desperadoes, but he is seen in another characterization—that of a supposedly stupid peddler who uses his trade to know exactly what's happening.

THE PRISONER OF ZENDA

All the beauty, colour and swashbuckling adventure of the famous Anthony Hope romance comes to the screen of the King's Theatre to-day with David O. Selznick's magnificent film production of the "Prisoner of Zenda," with Ronald Colman, Madeleine Carroll and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., playing the leading roles.

Colman plays the dual role of King Rudolf V and the adventurous Rassendyll in this tale of love and intrigue among the courts of Europe. Miss Carroll plays the beautiful Princess Flavia and young Fairbanks is seen as the dashing Rupert of Hentzau.

100 MEN AND A GIRL

"100 Men and A Girl" is showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day. Adolphe Menjou gives an enjoyable performance as Deanna's father. He, like 100 other musicians who are his friends, is almost penniless because of the scarcity of musical engagements. He finds a well-filled purse belonging to a rich woman and Deanna returns it to the giddy society matron. That lady is given flutters, dizzies, humorous animation by Alice Brady.

Deanna sings at Alice Brady's tea-party and the flighty woman says she will do anything to show her appreciation. Deanna gets an inspiration and obtains Alice Brady's promise to sponsor an orchestra. Deanna rushes home to her father and he organizes 100 men for rehearsal, incurring obligations.

Just when Deanna becomes enthusiastic over the turn of events, she learns that Alice Brady has sailed for Europe and forgotten her agreement. Deanna visits the rich woman's husband, played with a light sure touch by Eugene Pallette. He says, "Get Stokowski to conduct this orchestra and I'll sponsor it."

The film cast surrounding Deanna Durbin and Leopold Stokowski includes Adolphe Menjou, Alice Brady, Eugene Pallette and Mischa Auer.

RETIREMENT OF

To Leave Guildhall School Of Music

Sir Landon Ronald is to retire after 27 years as Principal of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. He will probably leave the school at Christmas.

Sir Landon, who is 64 and has not fully recovered from a long illness, announced his own resignation before the Lord Mayor, Sir George Broadbridge, and the students at the school's annual prize day at the Mansion House recently.

Speaking with emotion, he said that the retirement age for City of London officials was 65. Since, however, it would be a few months before he would be fit again, he thought it expedient to retire soon. "I dare not face the emotional strain just now," he said, "of talking with you of the crowding memories which come pressing upon me as my mind races back across those 27 years, when as a comparatively young man of 37 I first took on the duties of Principal of this School and became an officer of the mighty City of London."

TWO RECORDS
"It is a coincidence that my retirement will take place somewhere about the same time as that of my beloved friend and colleague, Sir Hugh Allen, the Director of the Royal College of Music."

"I created a record by being the youngest man ever to be appointed head of one of London's great schools of music. In resigning now I am, oddly enough, setting up, I believe, another record, for I shall be retiring earlier in life than any other of the principals have done from the direction of these famous London Schools of Music. So I came as the youngest member, and I go as the youngest veteran."

Repeated cheers were given as Sir Landon sat down. The Lord Mayor, who paid tribute to his long service to the school, expressed the hope that in his retirement he would continue to give the public the benefit of his musical work.

"If it be true that music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life, he said, "then Sir Landon Ronald may take with him the knowledge that he has for many years washed away the dust of everyday life from the soul of the public."

MAKING NO PLANS

In an interview Sir Landon said that he would continue to live in London. He was making no plans for musical work until his health was restored.

"My first concern is to get quite fit again," he said, "I have promised to remain at the Guildhall School until until my successor is appointed. I expect that will mean that I shall say farewell to the school at Christmas."

"I shall then be launched in my 28th year as principal, and that period as head of a school of music has been exceeded only, I think, by Sir Alexander Mackenzie, who was Principal of the Royal Academy of Music."

"It is just 50 years since I made my first public appearance. That was when, as a 14-year-old fiddler, I went to play with the Royal College Orchestra at Windsor on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. It was a thrilling debut for a youngster. I doubt whether a more brilliant company than we were privileged to see then has ever been assembled."

"NURSEY" FOR MONGOOSE

A special "nursery" for mongoose has been established by Yugoslavia on an island in the Adriatic to combat poisonous snakes throughout the country. The Dalmatian island, Mijet, was freed from poisonous snakes in 1908 when six pairs of mongoose were imported from India to deal with the plague.

Mongoose become acclimatised and so it is now possible to use the island as a nursery for their breeding.

From here they can be sent to other districts of Yugoslavia where poisonous snakes are a menace. Because many of these places have too severe a winter for mongoose to survive, it is necessary to replace them yearly from Mijet.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

TUESDAY, DEC. 14
Anniversaries and Holidays—King George VI born, 1895. George Washington died, 1799. Jewish Fast of Tebeth.

Cinemas:—(See Page 5).
Malls:—(See Page 16).

Meetings:—Kowloon Chess Club, at St. Andrew's Hall, 5.30 p.m.; Annual, of Hong Kong Horticultural Society, at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.15 p.m.; St. Andrew's Mothers' Union, 3 p.m.; Circuit Quarterly Meeting at S. & S. Home, 8.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous:—Annual Exhibition of Hong Kong Philatelic Society in S.C.M. Post Board Room, p.m.—8 p.m.; Rotary Tiffin, Hong Kong Hotel.

Moon:—XI Moon, 12th Day.
Rehearsals:—Y.M.C.A. Pantomime Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Social:—Craigengower Cricket Club, Weekly Tombola, 9.20 p.m.; Annual Dinner of Kowloon Chess Club, at Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.; Police Branch of Ministering League, Whist, Bridge, and Mah Jong Drive at St. John's Cathedral 3 p.m.

Sports:—(See Page 10).
Sunrise:—6.55 a.m. **Sunset:**—5.41 p.m.

Tides:—High at 05.59 and 18.05. Low at 00.37 and 11.30.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15
Cinemas:—(See Page 5).
Malls:—(See Page 16).

Moon:—XI Moon, 13th Day.
Sports:—(See Page 10).
Sunrise:—6.54 a.m. **Sunset:**—5.40 p.m.

Tides:—High at 04.21 and 17.20. Low at 10.44.

WHY MRS. "G.B.S." WAS SHOCKED

"G.B.S." Makes A Confession

Mr. Bernard Shaw, play-doctor at the age of eighty-one, shocked his wife with his revision of Shakespeare's "Cymbeline." He told the story when directing dress rehearsals of the play, which opened at the Embassy Theatre, Swiss Cottage, recently.

"When my wife first read my version of Shakespeare's last act," he explained, "she was shocked. 'You can't put these in,' she insisted—pointing to the original Shakespeare lines."

Mr. Shaw insisted that the bedroom scene which Ellen Terry and Irving cut should be left intact. "Those people used to cut some of the loveliest in the language," he complained.

BOOMED
During the rehearsals Mr. Shaw displayed remarkable agility, climbing on to the stage from the stalls time after time to show the artists how a line should be spoken or to demonstrate the grouping.

"Try to buy yourself a pair of diver's boots so that you can keep your feet on the ground," he boomed at one nervous young actor.

And to another, "Don't say that line as if you expect a laugh. As soon as the audience knows it's by Bernard Shaw they will laugh. You keep it straight."

Between scenes Mr. Shaw talked of films. "Why don't those fellows in Hollywood take a lesson from a story like this—such a clearly developed story. 'Cymbeline' of all Shakespeare's plays would make a perfect film," he said.

Mme. Tanzi Cutava (Mrs. Ronald Adams) told Mr. Shaw that his "Pymallion" had been her greatest success in Rumania.

"How many days did it run?" asked Mr. Shaw.

"Months," Mrs. Adams replied.

"Then I wish you would let me have the dates so that I can check up on my royalties," said Mr. Shaw.

MAJ. F. G. W. JACKSON CHANGES NAME

To prevent the family name of Lord Bingley from dying out, Major Francis Gordon Ward Jackson, Royal Horse Guards, who in 1929 married Lord Bingley's eldest daughter, has changed his name by deed poll and wishes to be known as Francis Lane-Fox. Major and Mrs. Jackson have two sons. Lord Bingley, who was George Richard Lane-Fox, married in 1903 the Hon. Mary Wood, sister of Viscount Halifax, and has four daughters but no son.

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Japanese Bomb And Sink U.S.S. Panay

10 Dead And 18 Missing As "Floating Embassy" Goes Down In Yangtse

Shanghai, Dec. 13. Japanese planes bombed and sank the U.S.S. gunboat, Panay, between Nanking and Wuhu.

The U.S.S. Panay which had been serving as America's floating Embassy was bombed and sunk by Japanese planes 25 miles up-river from Nanking. Survivors, some of whom are wounded, are now ashore at Hohsien, Anhwei Province. Some Standard Oil Company ships, which were in company with the Panay were also sunk. H.M.S. Bee is proceeding down river to render assistance and convey the survivors to Wuhu and the U.S.S. Oahu is also going down river.

Mr. George Acheson, second secretary of the U.S. Embassy and Capt. Hughes of the Panay are among the survivors at Hohsien.

NEWSPAPERMEN ON BOARD

Besides Mr. Acheson the Panay carried three other U.S. Embassy officials Captain F. M. Roberts, Assistant Military Attaché, Mr. Hall Paxton, secretary, and Mr. Emil Gassin, code clerk. Other Americans were Mr. Norman Alley, of Fox Movietone, Mr. Wildon James, of the United Press, Mr. Roy Squires of the Shanghai China Import and Export Lumber Company, Mr. James Marshall of Colliers, Mr. T. J. Broderick of Socony, Mr. Al Patterson of the China Air Motive Company, and Mr. Norman Soong of the "New York Times," who is a Chinese born Hawaiian. One Briton, Mr. Macdonald, representing the "London Times" was also a passenger.

REGRETS EXPRESSED

The Panay survivors landed at Hohsien just as the Japanese troops commenced an attack on the town and urgent steps are being taken to halt the attack in order to safe-

guard them. One sailor amongst those wounded has since died in Hohsien. The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Kawagoe has telegraphed the American Ambassador, Mr. Nelson Johnson who is at present in Hankow, expressing the Japanese government's regrets, and the Japanese Consul General, Mr. Okamoto has called on Mr. Clarence Gauss, U.S. Consul General in Shanghai and expressed similar regrets.

EIGHTEEN MISSING

The Panay carried seventy-two persons of which eighteen are so far unaccounted for. U.S. newspapermen used her as a floating wireless station for despatches to America via Manila. Three Socony ships sunk were the Mel-ping, Melhsia and Melan, commanded by American, Estonian and Norwegian skippers respectively. Casualties aboard them are unknown.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER WOUNDED

Captain Hughes suffered a broken leg. Hohsien, where the survivors have landed, is about ten miles below Wuhu and contains an American Mission Hospital. The Panay's Executive Officer, A. F. Anders is also wounded but it is not known how seriously. The fifty-four survivors include all four members of the Embassy officials.

NAVY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Washington, Dec. 13. The United States Navy Department announces that the U.S.S. Panay was sunk after being bombed in the Yangtse River. Ten are believed to have lost their lives. There are 55 survivors ashore, and some of them are badly wounded.

JAPANESE SURPRISED

Furious fighting continued in the city throughout the night. The Japanese are plainly taken aback by the stubbornness of the Chinese resistance. The massive city wall and deep moat is proving a good bulwark even against the most modern weapons.

Both sides have sustained heavy casualties. The invaders rain bombs and shells on the Chinese, but whenever they try to advance the Chinese mow them down with machine-guns.

The Chinese made powerful counter-attacks yesterday but the Japanese claim to have repulsed them.

The garrison commander, General Tang Sheng-chi, supervising the operations from a tank, visited all the main points of the defence.

JAPANESE ROUTED IN SHANSI

Linfen, Dec. 13: The Japanese which occupied Yuhshien in east Shansi have been routed by Chinese mobile units and volunteer corps in a night attack, a report reaching here to-day states.

They have withdrawn to Shouyang on the Chengtai Railway southwest of Yuhshien in pell-mell, leaving large quantities of provisions and arms and ammunition behind.

Central News.

JAPANESE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED

Shanghai, Dec. 13. Travelling on a Japanese naval pinance from the Izumo, moored half a mile from the Augusta, Vice-Admiral Hasegawa called on Admiral Yarnell and apologised for the Panay incident. The sailing of the Augusta which was scheduled to go to Manila on December 14, with Admiral Yarnell aboard, has been cancelled.

A Japanese naval communique says that appropriate steps to enable Vice-Admiral Hasegawa to assume full responsibility for the bombing and sinking of the Panay, which is described as an "unfortunate incident and most deeply regretted" are being taken forthwith.

The communique declares that acting on the information that Chinese troops were fleeing from Nanking by steamship the naval air force proceeded last night to pursue and bomb them. Mistaking the three vessels belonging to the Standard-Vacuum Company for Chinese steamers, the aircraft bombed them. In the course of the operations, the Panay, which was alongside the steamers, was sunk.

Reuter.

Italy Notifies League

Geneva, Dec. 12. Signor Renato Bona Scoppa, the Italian diplomatic agent at Geneva, to-day handed to the Secretariat-General of the League the statutory declaration of Italy's withdrawal.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON VIEW

Washington, Dec. 12. Well-informed observers are of the opinion that the withdrawal of Italy from the League will not materially affect the European situation, but only puts on a formal basis a condition which has been existing for 18 months.

GENEVA DOOMED?

Berlin, Dec. 12. The return of Germany to the League of Nations after the departure of Italy cannot be considered, says a "communiqué," and Germany is convinced that the policy and political system at Geneva is doomed to failure.—Reuter.

THE LEAGUE IS CRITICISED

Berlin, Dec. 12. The return of Germany to the League of Nations will never be considered again, states an official German declaration issued to-day. Regarding Italy's exit from the League, it is stated in the declaration that the decision of the Fascist Government meets with complete understanding and sympathy in Germany.

For sometime past there had been little doubt regarding Italy's attitude towards the League, but it is of the greatest importance that the decision made by the Fascist Government on Saturday had cleared up the situation definitely.

The reasons that first compelled Japan, then Germany and now Italy to resign prove where the radical mistakes in its construction lie. It is hopeless to try and remove these mistakes by partial reform, states the declaration. Whether those great Powers still remaining in Geneva will desire, after this, to employ the League of Nations as a serious factor in their policy is their affair but they will no longer have the right to extol the League as an authorised representative of world wide union of states and

46,000-TON BATTLESHIPS FOR JAPAN

Repeated Reports Arouses American Interest

New York, Dec. 12. The United States Government is studying repeated reports that Japan is building three monster battleships, according to the Washington correspondent of the "New York Times."

According to substantial, though unofficial reports, Japan is building three 46,000-ton battleships armed with 16-inch guns. Confirmation for this belief is thought to be contained in an article last month in the "Giornale d'Italia," not only because the information in that article coincides with what little is known at Washington regarding the Japanese programme, but also because the article appeared simultaneously with the announcement of the three-Power anti-Communist agreement.

According to the article, 63 other warships are actually in the course of being built or are projected; five aircraft carriers, seven light cruisers, 43 destroyers and eight submarines among them.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAVIA NOT INTERESTED

Paris, Dec. 13. Dr. Milan Stoyadinovitch, the Yugo-Slavian Prime Minister, in the course of conversation with M. Yvon Delbos, confirmed the Yugo-Slavian Government's decision not to sign the anti-Comintern Pact, according to the "Havas Agency." Dr. Stoyadinovitch is reported to have insisted that his journey to Rome was in return to Count Ciano's visit to Belgrade and was purely a courtesy visit. Speaking at the official dinner and reception here Dr. Stoyadinovitch stated: "The official desire for friendly and constructive collaboration between France and Yugo-Slavia is the fundamental line of our foreign policy."—Reuter.

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THE SERVICES

ROYAL NAVY

CHANGE IN UNIFORM

It is notified in Admiralty Fleet Orders issued on November 28 that with the approval of the King an amendment is to be made in the uniform regulations for officers in so far as they relate to the wearing of ball dress.

After No. 2 uniform, "ball dress," provision is made for No. 2A, "ball dress without epaulettes," to consist of the same articles as No. 2—mess jacket, laced trousers, white waistcoat, etc.—except that epaulettes are not to be worn. No. 2A dress is to be ordered for official or public balls, dinners, and evening receptions of a less formal nature than those at which No. 2 dress is to be worn.

EAST INDIES FLAGSHIP

H.M.S. Norfolk, Captain J. M. Mansfield, will remain at Trincomalee until December 18, and then proceed to Madras, where the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay, Commander-in-Chief, E. Indies, will be transferred to her on December 17 from the Emerald, Captain A. D. S. Agar, V.C., D.S.O.

NEW ZEALAND DIVISION

The cruisers Achilles and Leander, the former with Rear-Admiral E. R. Drummond, Commanding New Zealand Station, has returned to Auckland from a cruise to Lyttelton, Akaroa, and Wellington. Later they will proceed to the Hauraki Gulf, joining up there with the other two ships of the squadron, the Leth and Wellington. The Leander left the Gulf on December 4, and the others on December 8, for Auckland.

CADETSHIPS AT DARTMOUTH

The next qualifying examination for the entry of naval cadets into the R.N. College, Dartmouth, will be held in March, 1938. Candidates must be between the ages of 13 years 4 months and 13 years eight months on April 1, 1938. Applications to sit for the examination must be received at the Admiralty before January 18. There will be approximately 45 vacancies.

TECHNICAL OFFICER REQUIRED

A vacancy has arisen for a principal technical officer in the Admiralty Technical Pool, the place of duty being in the first instance at Woolwich Arsenal. Candidates should have a good honours degree in either physics, applied mathematics, electrical or mechanical engineering, and extensive experience in design and modern workshop and drawing office practice. The salary scale is £250-£300-£1,050 a year. Applications must reach the Secretary of the Admiralty (C.E. Branch) by December 4.

ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner for all officers who have served in submarines, submarine depot-ships, or tenders, was held on December 3 at the Hyde Park Hotel. Vice-Admiral F. A. Somerville, D.S.O., was the guest of the evening.

ADMIRALTY INSPECTION AT PORTSMOUTH

Dr. Duff Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, returned to London on November 28 to attend the funeral of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. The other members of the Board of Admiralty who had accompanied Mr. Duff Cooper to Portsmouth remained and finished their inspection of naval establishments in the command.

The First Sea Lord and the Civil Lord, accompanied by Admiral Lord Cork, Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, first inspected H.M.S. Vernon, torpedo school, and then went to Eastney Barracks, the headquarters of the Portsmouth Division, Royal Marines. When leaving, the First Sea Lord congratulated Brigadier A. G. B. Bourne, Colonel Commandant, on the smart appearance of the Marines on parade.

The Second Sea Lord and the Parliamentary Secretary visited the Submarine Depot and the St. Vincent, boys' training establishment. The Royal Clarence Victualling Yard and the Admiralty Fuel Experimental Station were visited by the Fourth Sea Lord. Their lordships returned to London later.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are made by the Admiralty:—
Cdr. J. Cresswell, to President, for duty with Director of Plans (Dec. 1); R. St. V. Sherbrooke, A. J. Baker, Cresswell, J. Jeffries, T. Harland, E. P. Curry, L. P. Skipwith, G. Barnard, T. A. C. Pakenham, D. H. Hall Thompson, A. M. Bingham, H. F. Layman, H. P. Henderson, J. D. Harvey, J. E. Broome, to President, for Staff crse. at R.N. College, Greenwich (Jan. 11, 1938).

Surgn. Cdr. F. G. Hunt, M.B., to President, for crse. (Dec. 1); A.

W. McRorie, M.D., to Pembroke, for R.N.B. (Dec. 8).

Lt.-Cdr. P. H. Hadow, to Foxhound (Dec. 7); R. D. Watson, to Hood; J. T. Powell, to Dryad (Dec. 20); S. Borrett, to Lucia (Dec. 29); P. D. H. Pelly, to Nelson (Dec. 30); K. Mackintosh, to Delhi; H. C. R. Alexander, to Arethusa (undated); E. W. Denett, to Cedar (on comg.); N. A. Copeman, H. W. S. Sims-Williams, J. Bridgewater-Kitchin, T. C. Crease, R. C. M. Duckworth, J. Smyth, R. G. Tasswell, F. G. Johnston, C. H. de B. Newby, F. W. Collins, E. H. G. Gresson, E. H. Tilden, G. H. Nowell, the Hon. E. D. Coleridge, to President, addl. for Staff crse. at R.N. College, Greenwich (Jan. 11, 1938).

Lts.—K. W. S. Buckel, H. D. M. Slater, W. A. M. Batten, to Nelson (Dec. 6, 20, and 31 respectively); D. St. Clair Ford, A. C. C. Miers, to President, addl. for Staff crse. at R.N. College, Greenwich (Jan. 11, 1938); J. Bowman-Manifold, to Despatch (undated).

PROMOTIONS

Act. Sub-Lts.—M. A. Hemans, J. H. A. Stucley, to rank of Sub-Lt. (seny. respectively Jan. 1, 1936, and March 18, 1937).

Lt.-Cdr. A. A. D. Grey, with rank of Cdr. (Nov. 16).

ROYAL MARINES

Capt. J. P. Phillips, to be Adjutant, Deal Depot (Nov. 25).

THE ARMY

MEDICAL SERVICES

The War Office announces that Colonel W. B. Purdon, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., M.B., late R.A.M.C., Professor of Hygiene, Royal Army Medical College, has been selected for promotion to the rank of major-general, and for the appointment of Commandant and Director of Studies, Royal Army Medical College, from March 1, 1938, in succession to Major-General W. F. MacArthur, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.I., Honorary Physician to the King, late R.A.M.C., who assumes the appointment of Director-General, Army Medical Services, on that date.

Colonel Purdon will be succeeded as Professor of Hygiene, Royal Army Medical College, by Lieut.-Col. D. T. Richardson, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C., who at present holds the appointment of Assistant Director of Hygiene at the War Office.

COMMISSIONS FROM THE RANKS

The War Office announces that the following lance-corporals have been selected for admission to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, in January next, for a course of 18 months' training, under the scheme whereby non-commissioned officers of the Regular Army may be granted commissions as second lieutenants. Fifteen cadetships have been awarded, as follows:—

H. C. Mundy, R. Tank Corps, Southern.

M. R. Haslehurst, 1st Coldstream Gds., Brigade of Guards.

H. A. R. Bucknall, 4th/7th R. Dragoon Gds., 52nd Div.

J. H. Kay, 2nd Dorsetshire Regt., 4th Div.

D. Baker, 2nd E. Surrey Regt., 4th Div.

R. J. Baxter, 2nd Gloucester Regt., Southern.

B. C. Vaughan, 2nd E. Surrey Regt., 4th Div.

J. H. C. Brown, 2nd R. Fus., 4th Div.

D. R. Bridges, The Bays, Aldershot.

A. E. Mercer, 2nd King's Own Regt., 2nd Div.

K. D. Miller, 2nd Black Watch, 52nd Div.

J. Macrae, 2nd Seaforth, 4th Div.

D. R. Nugent, 1st R. Sussex Regt., Palestine.

A. R. E. Clarke, 1st R. Sussex Regt., Palestine.

T. A. Foweraker, R. Tank Corps, India.

TROOPING ARRANGEMENTS

The following departures of transports from Southampton have been arranged for December:—

Dorsetshire, Dec. 4, Military drafts, Ceylon and Far East.

Somersetshire, Dec. 15, Military drafts, Malta, Aden, and India.

Dunera, Dec. 22, 1st Green Howards, Malta.

The following arrivals of transports at Southampton are due during December:—

Somersetshire, Dec. 6, 1st K.D.G., from India.

California, Dec. 6, 2nd K.R.R.C., 2nd Wilt. Regt., 2nd E. Yorks. Regt., from Palestine.

Lancashire, Dec. 30, Military and R.A.F. drafts, from India, Egypt, and Malta.

The time of sailing from Southampton is usually 2 p.m. The time of arrival at Southampton of troopships from abroad is 8 p.m.

CABARET DANCE

Successful C.B.A. Function

Over 80 dancers spent a jolly evening at the Cabaret Dance arranged by the Central British Association at the China Light and Power Recreation Club on Saturday, December 11. The unusual features of the evening were Cabaret items which consisted of:—

Exhibition, Waltz; a toe dance set by Miss Stella Best and Miss Peggy Scotcher; songs by Miss Margaret MacAlpine; a tap dance specialty number by Miss Dorothy Moss and Mrs. Whiting; accordion and guitar duet by Francis Harty and Derek Gaubert; tap dance by Mrs. Whiting; humorous waltz exhibition by Geoff Arnold and Francis Harty.

Other special features were a "Number Waltz" the prizes for which were auctioned several times in aid of the new Clubhouse, accordion dance music by Francis Harty, and a Treasure Hunt which was won by Miss Peggy Eccleshall and Mr. Teddy Gaubert.

Light refreshments, which were in the capable hands of Miss Francis Best, were served at 11 p.m. The dance was organized by George Arnold who wishes to thank Miss Best, D. Smith, W. Muir and the Cabaret artists for their very kind assistance.

'HULLO HONG KONG'

A Correction

In yesterday's "Daily Press" we erroneously announced, "Hullo Hong Kong" as taking place this week. In point of fact, the revue in question takes place at the China Fleet Club on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, the 22nd and 23rd December respectively.

TYPHOON

The following warning was issued at 3 p.m. yesterday:—
Typhoon in about 113 deg. long. E. and 13 deg. lat. N., almost stationary.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

STAFF DUTY IN PALESTINE

Squadron Leader S. R. Groom, promoted in the October list, has been appointed for air staff duties at R.A.F. Headquarters, Palestine and Transjordan, in Jerusalem.

He has already been three years in the Middle East, first with No. 47 (Bomber) Squadron at Khartoum and then with No. 6 (Bomber) Squadron at Ismailia. Passing out from Cranwell in 1927, he spent the first two years of his service with No. 12 (Bomber) Squadron at Andover, and was then appointed to the staff of the Wessex Bombing Area at that station and later to No. 5 Flying Training School, Sealand. From 1931 to 1934 he was adjutant and instructor to No. 608 (North Riding) Squadron of the Auxiliary Air Force.

SAFETY BELTS

A new Air Ministry order directs that occupants of aircraft which are fitted with safety belts and harness attachments are responsible that they are conversant with the approved method of securing themselves to the aircraft. They are to be properly secured during take-off or launching by catapult or accelerator; during landing; and in flight, except when carrying out duties which necessitate moving about the aircraft. During launching by catapult or accelerator, the occupants are to attach themselves to the aircraft not only by safety belts but also by the parachute harness safety attachment if an anchorage is available. Notices are to be posted in the fuselage, hull, or cockpit of an aircraft for the instruction of passengers who may not have read the new order.

SQUADRON MOVE

No. 29 (Fighter) Squadron is moving from North Weald, Epping, where it has been stationed for the past 10 years, to the new aerodrome at Debden, Saffron Walden. It replaces No. 73 (F.) Squadron, which moved to Digby, Lincoln, on November 9. No. 29 Squadron was originally formed at Gosport on November 7, 1915, and served in France from the end of March, 1916. Among its pilots was the late Major J. B. McCudden, V.C., who shot down his first machine with the squadron on September 8, 1916, as a sergeant-pilot. Returning home from the Army of Occupation in August, 1919, the squadron was disbanded at Grant-ham in December of that year, and re-formed at Duxford on April 1, 1923.

BUSY DAY AT THE REGISTRY

THREE WEDDINGS

Three weddings took place at the Registry of Marriages, Supreme Court yesterday. The first and third ceremonies were performed by Mr. W. Aneurin Jones, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, and the second by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages.

In the first ceremony, Miss Wong Moon Tong, of No. 17 Mosque Street, second floor, became the bride of Mr. Hoi Yung Chan, of No. 14 Fort Street, first floor, in the presence of Messrs. Hoi Chow Chan and Charles Wong. The groom is the son of the late Mr. Chan Lai Sang, and the bride is the daughter of the late Mr. Wong Tsz Kau.

Miss Tsui Fun, of No. 5 Minden Avenue, daughter of Mr. Tsui Wing Yip, retired, was married to Mr. To Chi Yan, merchant, of No. 16 Po Kong Village, son of Mr. To Sing Lam teacher, in the second ceremony. The witnesses were Miss Dorothy Brazier and Mr. H. W. Fraser.

The third contracting party were Mr. Lau Wai Leung, secretary, of Messrs. Muller and Phipps (China) Ltd., residing at No. 47 Pilken Street, second floor, son of Mr. Lau Ying Lap, clerk, of Kowloon-Canton Railway, and Miss Leung Mo King, of No. 338 Hennessy Road, first floor, daughter of Mr. Leung But Yu merchant. The witnesses were Miss Aileen Wong and Mr. Tong Kam Shun.

SALE OF ROSES

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul desires through this medium to gratefully thank the public of Hong Kong for their very generous response which made it possible for the Society to realize approximately \$3,600 from "Our Poor Day Sale of Roses."

The Society also desires particularly to thank the Management of Hotel Cecil for the use of the mezzanine floor to serve as headquarters for the flower sellers. The Hong Kong Hotel, Gloucester Hotel, Prince's Cafe, Ching Loong, for the donation of cakes; The Star Ferry Co., Ltd., Hong Kong & Yau-mat Ferry Co., Ltd., Peak Tramway Co., Ltd., China Motor Bus Co., Kowloon Motor Bus Co., the Catholic Churches, Hotels, Clubs and other establishments for the display of Posters, The Italian Convent, St. Mary's School, St. Paul's Institution, Maryknoll Convent School, Holy Spirit School, Tak Ying School, St. Francis School, for their splendid co-operation.

Mrs. J. P. Sherry, P. E. Farrell, T. Collins, J. T. Thirwell, J. M. Noronha, A. Wright, D'Aquino and the Misses Maria Roza Pereira, Aurea Baptista, A. Osmund for their kind supervision during the drive.

The Society's thanks are also due to the Press of Hong Kong for their publicity and to the hundreds of rose sellers for their indefatigable effort.

The following ladies secured the best collection so far received:—

Misses Lucy Thom and Diana Kong	\$138.70
Miss Teresa Noronha	100.45
Miss Alice Sequiera	38.85
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Misses Helen Lee and Hazel Kong	25.21
Miss Justina Li Yat Chol	29.51
Misses Katherine Lee and Martha Wan	19.71
Miss Lucy Kwok	21.90
Miss Filomena Lau	23.10
Miss Olivia Yao	23.60
Miss Lydia Ozorio	21.40
Misses Anna Lee and Alice Quark	24.20
Miss Nancy Wong	30.77
Miss Vivian Chung	21.10
Mrs. F. E. Farrell	21.80
Miss Tam Wai Cheng	31.54
Miss L. Nolasco da Silva	28.60
Miss E. Nolasco da Silva	30.45
Miss Hestia Tan	23.18
Misses Caroline Antung and Annie Kong	34.50
Misses Anna Fung and Constance Tam	20.76
Misses Winnie Young and Mary Ko	28.11
Miss May Chin	21.50
Miss Inez Remedios	24.20
Miss Leopora dos Reis	38.98
Misses Amalia Sales and Zoya Levoff	34.68
Miss Melina Remedios	19.41
Miss Dolly Wong	19.85
Mrs. J. P. Sherry	23.10

PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

The third annual exhibition of the Hong Kong Philatelic Society was held in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post Building yesterday, at which there was a very fine display of stamps which attracted a large attendance.



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Collecting Tin from Tun Mun Clinic	1.62
Miscellaneous Gratuities	71.10

DONATIONS

The following donations have been received in connection with the International Medical Relief Committee.

Previously acknowledged	\$12,428.24
Mrs. Owen Hughes	20.00
Messrs. W. C. Thom & Co. (G.I.O.)	31.77
Mr. Tai Tin-tsoi	20.00
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\$12,908.93

If there is anyone who would prefer to pay monthly sums by Banker's Order into the Fund, the Treasurer, Rev. H. W. Barnes, would be very glad to accept gifts in this form and make the necessary arrangements with the Bank.

HEALTH RETURNS

Two cases each of diphtheria and dysentery and one of enteric fever were reported to the Health Authorities for the 48 hours ended at midnight on Sunday.

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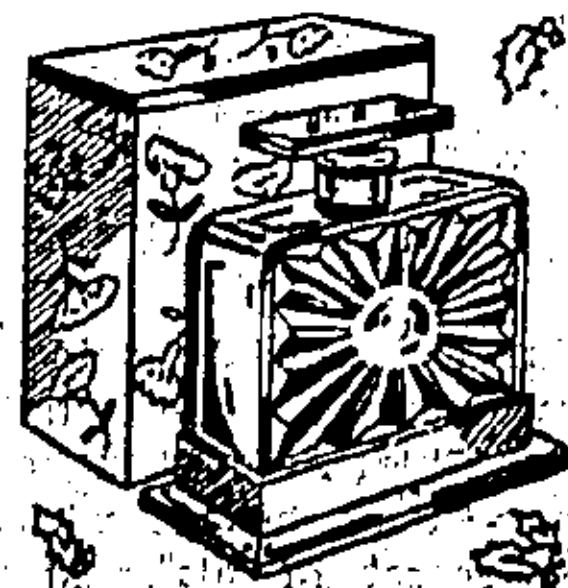
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HONG KONG, DECEMBER 14, 1937.

WORD OF WARNING

The Sino-Japanese conflict has entered a new phase—one which directly affects two of the leading Powers of the world, namely Great Britain and the United States of America. The first incident in this new turn in the situation occurred early on Sunday morning when Japanese field batteries and machine-guns fired on H.M.S. Ladybird, H.M.S. Bee and the Jardine steamer Suivó. This was at Wuhu and though it is to be expected that the Japanese will tender apologies, it seems fairly established that the shooting was deliberate. Great Britain has lodged another protest against the killing of a bluejacket on the "Ladybird" and the wounding of Flag Captain G. M. O'Donnell and another Naval rating of the same vessel. According to Reuter, four direct hits were made on the "Ladybird" and in the face of such damning evidence it would be futile for the Japanese to offer apologies and regrets that the incident was purely accidental. H.M.S. Bee which was just arriving in Wuhu was also fired on but fortunately the flagship of the Yangtze Fleet suffered no damage and nobody was injured. The wave of indignation that followed these incidents had hardly blown over than the Japanese diverted their attention to U.S.S. Panay, the American Floating Embassy. This had even more serious consequences for the vessel was so badly damaged that it sank and the casualty list was heavier than that on the "Ladybird."

Where is all this going to lead us? It appears at a casual examination of the situation that either Japan is spoiling for a world war or that some members of their fighting forces have so got out of hand that it is no longer possible for their superior officers to control them. Evidently some high official is responsible for this. Colonel Hashimoto, senior Japanese officer in the Wuhu area, said that the Japanese had orders to fire on every ship in the Yangtze, at the same time admitting that it was a mistake to fire on British gunboats. In commenting on the situation the London "News Chronicle" urged that Japan "must be informed in the strongest possible terms that there is a limit to the patience even of the British nation and she must be required to pay such compensation as will make her exercise some check on her wilder warriors."

We do not believe that mad as they are the Japanese militarists want a major world conflict and so we are of the opinion that it was the unruly elements who were responsible for these two fresh incidents. We are not making excuses for the Japanese. On the other hand it is our strong belief that there is something very radically wrong when soldiers, sailors and airmen of any country can get so out of hand as to be the perpetrators of such outrageous "mistakes."

The Japanese are finding that they have their hands full with the Chinese as it were. It is time they came to their senses or it may be too late. The continuance of these incidents against neutral Powers cannot be forever tolerated and if allowed to go on further they will not react too favourably to Japan.

Letters To The Editor

PRES. HOOVER.
SALVAGE

(The Editor—"The Hong Kong Daily Press")

Dear Sir,—It is interesting, if nothing else, to read in an afternoon edition in regard to the stranding of the "President Hoover" on Holshoto Island off Formosa, that—

Operations by foreign salvage vessels are prohibited in the waters where the Hoover is stranded, and the Talkoo Tug was unable to set out on Saturday as planned. A Japanese salvage ship, the Yusho Maru, left Hong Kong last night, carrying salvaging equipment. Mr. T. B. Wilson local Agent of the Dollar Line, and Mr. T. Brayfield, Marine Surveyor.

The "Asama Maru" went ashore here off Junk Bay in the local typhoon and the Japanese salvage ship, presumably the "Yusho Maru" referred to above, came down from Japan to attend to the salvage of her. Why don't we say "operations by foreign salvage vessels are prohibited in the waters where the "Asama Maru" is stranded? Particularly, if my information is correct, there are gun emplacements all round the neighbourhood of the spot where the "Asama Maru" is stranded.—Yours, etc.

FAIR DOES.
Hong Kong, December 13.

ITALIANS RESIGN FROM CHINESE AIR FORCE

Shanghai, Dec. 13: Forty-four Italians serving with the Chinese Air Force have resigned and will leave Hankow and Kluksang for Hong Kong to-morrow, according to Japanese reports from Tokyo. Thirty of them served as advisers and the remainder in a technical capacity at the Nanchang Aerodrome.—Reuter.

LORD BALDWIN'S PRECEPT

It is the conspicuous quality of Lord Baldwin that he knows so well how to lift thought and feeling above the commonplace level; and his speech recently, in acknowledging the traditional honour paid to him by the City of London, showed that in laying down high office he had not forfeited the gift by which he so notably graced it. The presence of many of his former colleagues enhanced the significance of the tribute which he received at the Lord Mayor's hands; and freely receiving, Lord Baldwin freely gave; for his first care was to render his own generous tribute to those who had served or worked with him. Especially did he single out his predecessor, the late Mr. Ramsay MacDonald—who, he justly said, had never been given the credit which his services to the country deserved—and his successor, Mr. Chamberlain, "a man who has every gift of character and intellect."

For himself, Lord Baldwin's only claim was this:—The thing that has been nearest to my heart has been the welfare of the people and what I may call the souls of the people.

That modest claim proved the prelude to a characteristic saying which is worthy of remembrance—the precept that "statesmen should never lose sight of the essential dignity of the human soul"; and the reflection that "human kindness is the essential element in society." Perhaps the spirit which has informed Lord Baldwin's public life could not have been better epitomised. If praise, as he said, "insensibly steals from a man his moral integrity," he indisputably resisted the larceny. Party leaders, indeed, have a corrective at hand in the dispraise which is their daily diet. What is their undoing is not praise, but an intolerable burden of responsibility. Like meteors, "they consume themselves to make the world more bright."

If Gossip We Must

Dear Cynthia,—In the midst of preparations for Christmas; in a rush of preliminary parties; and in an orgy of entertainments for the very young, I snatch a moment to tell you of our local goings-on.

Having dined very adequately one evening last week I betook myself in a large party to the local Amateur Dramatic Club's production of "Outward Bound." If you have seen the play you will realize that it is a pity that this very courageous society should have chosen a drama which demands so much of its cast. You will agree with me that to create the eerie flatness of atmosphere which the play requires, the actors must have experience as well as inspiration. However, in spite of certain inadequacies I enjoyed a delightful evening's entertainment.

I found Mr. Prior, that sensitive inebriate, admirably handled by Nigel Waymouth; and Mrs. Midget gave me pure joy. Her delightfully ingenious rendering of the sympathetic East London char was a perfect gem of art.

Sandwiched in between a cinema birthday party for Junior and a series of other altruistic activities, I spent an amusing evening at the Gripps.

So many Shanghai people having returned, this favourite rendezvous has regained much of its old small-town atmosphere of friendliness and familiarity. I saw Miss Duke in a lovely shade of dark blue green dining in a cheerful party which included Miss Langley, who wore a delightful pastel coloured frock.

In a party which included a number of Shek-O personalities, I

saw Mrs. Mitchell, who had brought her debutante daughter. Miss Mitchell looked fresh and delightful in white.

Miss Simmons, who has recently announced her engagement, was dancing happily with her fiancé. Her dress of dull black crepe was relieved with glittering sequins. Mr. and Mrs. Church were in a small party. She wore a brown short coat over her printed dress, and I saw Mrs. Morse watching the dancers from a ringside seat. Lots of people came on from the Pictures or the A.D.C. show.

Mrs. Valentine in flowing grey draperies looked delightful.

Mrs. Bousfield had multi-coloured sequins as a trimming to the coat of her black evening dress.

I saw Miss King looking charming in pale blue satin, while one of the lovely ladies dancing affected an amusing little veil headpiece topped off with a posy of Victorian flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, who have just returned from their honeymoon, were there and I saw Miss Whitely, who had chosen a dress of soft flowing lines which made a graceful picture on the dance floor.

The Misses Kotewall with unerring good taste had chosen to wear the becoming Chinese style of dress which suits them so admirably.

I saw Miss Li, in a dark blue dress on the same graceful lines, dancing vivaciously. Miss Middleton Smith wore a short white taffeta coat over her evening dress.

There were heaps of other well-known people present but with an eye to conserving my energies for the inevitable Christmas rush I betook myself early to bed.

We have been enjoying the most delightful autumn weather. Brisk enough to encourage one to sport one's becoming furs, but with clear skies and heavenly bright sunshine.

All the usual Christmas effusions my dear.

Yours,
ELSPETH.

FANLING HUNT

(BY FOOTSLLOGGER)

The Fanling hunt met on Sunday at Mai Po in blazing sunshine.

Mr. Walsley Cotter hunted hounds and Mr. Fielding, Mr. Butcher and Mr. Mackenzie whipped in.

There was a good field and Mr. Stanton laid two enjoyable lines.

The field moved off from Mai Po, skirted the foothills and checked near Sunny Farm.

The second line wound itself backwards and forwards around the hills between Sunny Farm and Lok Ma Chau and finished near Lok Ma Chau crossroads.

Amongst those who moved off were Mrs. McAvoy, Mrs. Butcher, Mrs. Marshall, Miss Gerrard, Miss Smalley, Mrs. Paton, Miss Fair, Miss Harvey, Commander Menzies, Commander Hopper, Mr. Watson, Wing Commander Dalsiel, Mr. Potts, Mr. Paxon, Mr. MacGregor, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Browning and many others.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH

(Continued from Page 1)

"She was supported in practically an upright position by a pinnacle rock on the starboard side. She was in a very dangerous position and had to be removed as soon as possible. The ship was removed and towed to a position on the mud at Kowloon Docks where the question of time was no longer so important, but the ship was still unstable and it was decided to dock the ship with rice still in Nos. 2 and 3 holds. The rice was removed from No. 1 hold between these operations."

"I am firmly of the opinion that the presence of the rice in Nos. 2 and 3 holds had nothing to do with the loss of these men's lives," continued witness.

ACCIDENT DANGER

"I should also like to say that the reason that we took the water down in No. 1 hold where these men lost their lives, and which we settled to do at the conference, referred to in my statement, is that, had the bulkhead between Nos. 1 and 2 holds which were already deflated, burst, there was a danger of the ship turning over or some other accident. We decided to lower the water gradually and share the bulkhead as the water filled, and this work was carried on for 18 hours approximately before the accident under the supervision of our European staff, who were up and down in No. 1 hold all night. In each of the major operations, we have taken every step we could think of for the safety of the people working. Everybody on board was ordered into lifejackets when dangerous conditions were expected, ambulances were kept standing by, ladders were fitted with lifelines, lifelines were rigged in the ship and every precaution we could think of was ordered and taken," declared witness.

"The rice which we thought had all been removed by the divers from No. 1 hold was not completely removed. A few bags were left and when the water suddenly came to the level of these bags there was a violent decomposition and a large release of gas, which made the men faint, and (I understand) fall into the water. I do not think it could have been foreseen that this was likely to happen. Only a few bags were left and it would have been impossible for those removing the bags to have found them," witness concluded.

THE VERDICT

The jury returned a verdict that death was due to accidental as-

CHINA REVIEW

"Shanghai's Fall Is Nothing"

"The Far Eastern Conference at Brussels is of no help to China. It is only wasting time. No conference can stop the war. It needs aeroplanes to stop the war."

In these emphatic words, Sir Sah Chen Ping, retired 79-year-old Chinese admiral and former acting Prime Minister of China, who arrived in Singapore recently, revealed his lack of faith in the peace talks at Brussels.

He added that China did not expect any good results from the Conference. To the suggestion that Dr. Wellington Koo was making eloquent appeals for China before the European nations, he stated this was no more than presenting China's case. The last thing she expected was a peace intervention following the talks.

His mission in Malaya was to appeal for fuller support of China's \$500,000,000 liberty bonds.

Following his denunciation of the Brussels Conference and his statement that only aeroplanes could stop the Sino-Japanese war, Sir Sah Chen Ping said that if China had had another 100 aeroplanes, she could have done wonders.

Faith In Aeroplanes

Asked if the Chinese navy was playing an important part in the war, Sir Sah Chen Ping's answer was: China's naval strength is zero. "We spent a few million dollars on our navy while other governments spent several hundreds of millions." He thought the navy was of no use in a situation like the present. He had more faith in aeroplanes.

Sir Sah Chen Ping took an optimistic view of the fall of Shanghai. In his own words, "Shanghai's fall is nothing." China took a long time to lose Shanghai. "If it took the Japanese three months to gain possession of such a small place as Shanghai," he reasoned, "it will take them about 30 years to gain possession of the whole of China."

"Our object is to impede their progress. We will defend our land inch by inch. And we have hundreds of thousands of soldiers who are obedient to Nanking's orders and who are willing to stand and die."

"If this war can last another year Japan must be in a rather awkward position, not only financially but with regard to their men, who are fighting under strenuous conditions."

"There was no necessity for Japan to fight. She is fighting for the glory of a few military officers. We are fighting for our existence."

JAPANESE LAND IN PATKOK

The Hong Kong police have confirmed a story that a report had been made that Japanese blue-jackets landed in Colony territory at Patkok near Castle Peak on Saturday night between eight and nine o'clock.

The official version of the incident states that the landing was made about half a mile from Blackhead Point in the New Territories. The Japanese were evidently pursuing the Chinese crew of the Customs cruiser Cha Haing which they removed.

phyxia and drowning but there was not sufficient evidence to account for the sudden appearance of gas in No. 1 hold.

The jury added: "We are satisfied that every precaution was taken to prevent accidents."

The Coroner expressed himself in agreement with the verdict.

COUNT ISHII VIEWS

RESPECTED BUT ONLY PERSONAL

Tokyo, Dec. 13.

A Foreign Office spokesman commenting on Count Ishii's interview with the "Sunday Times" in London yesterday emphasised that Count Ishii's mission is purely of an unofficial character, and "his opinions, though naturally respected in Japan, are purely personal and in no way committed the Japanese Government as he was not connected with it."

The spokesman said the new regime in North China was expected to emerge in a few days. It was not yet decided whether the regime will be restricted to North China or extend throughout the whole of China. The spokesman personally expected the regime to spread all over China because the anti-Comintern favoured co-operation with Japan.—Reuter.

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NOTICE.

Owing to Miss Violet Capell being in hospital there will be no Dancing classes until further notice.

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SANDAKAN LIGHT & POWER CO. (1922) LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Company, Bank of East Asia Building, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 29th December, 1937, at 12 o'clock, noon.

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HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission), on Tuesday, the 14th December, 1937, at 5.15 p.m.

J. T. BAGRAM,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 1st Dec., 1937.

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NOTICE.

HONG KONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

Application has been made to this Company to issue to MRS. LO SIN KEE, duplicate Certificate for 1,000 shares in this Company numbered 345,341 to 346,340 inclusive, upon statement that the original Certificate No. 3302, dated 15th July, 1932, has been lost or mislaid. And notice is hereby given that, if at the expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof, the above Certificate be not forthcoming the said Certificate will be deemed CANCELLED and of NO EFFECT, and a NEW Certificate for the said shares will be issued in its stead by the Company.

B. ALVES,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 18th Nov., 1937.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on Saturday, 18th December, 1937, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 13th Dec., 1937.

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TRAGEDIES OF TWO ACCOUNTANTS

Newly Appointed B.B.C. Chief Killed

The deaths in tragic circumstances of two well-known accountants were reported recently. Mr. Herbert W. W. Northey, chief accountant to the B.B.C., was killed in a road crash.

The body of Mr. Cecil J. H. Cowdy, accountant to the Corporation of Lloyd's, was found in a lake on Sidcup golf course, Kent.

Mr. Northey, who was aged 30, was appointed Chief Accountant to the B.B.C. at a salary of about £1,500 a year. He succeeded Mr. T. L. Lockhead, who is appointed Comptroller of Administration. He would have taken up his duties on April 1.

His car struck a tree on the pavement in Chiswick High-road.

Apparently no one saw the accident, but a police-constable heard the crash and found him unconscious over the wheel. He died shortly after admission to Brentford Hospital.

A B.B.C. official said "Mr. Northey joined the staff as Assistant Chief Accountant in 1933. Everyone has heard with the deepest regret of his death. His promotion was a mark of the Corporation's confidence in his professional abilities."

AT LLOYD'S SINCE 1909

Mr. Cowdy, whose home was in Crescent-road, Sidcup, was 56, and a well-known member of the Sidcup Golf Club. He had been a member of Lloyd's staff since 1909.

At Lloyd's it was stated, "Mr. Cowdy was very popular in The Room. He had not appeared to be in the best of health during the last few months. The affairs of his department at Lloyd's are in perfect order."

Mr. Cowdy served with the Royal Naval Reserve through the war and retired with the rank of Paymaster Commander. R.D.

JAPANESE PLANE FLIES LOW OVER H.M.S. BEE

BRITISH ADMIRAL'S REQUEST FOR SAFEGUARD MEASURE

Hankow, Dec. 13.—Rear-Admiral A. G. E. Crabbe, R.N., Senior Naval Officer Yangtze, made a firm request to the Japanese military authorities at Wuhu to place a party of six Japanese aboard H.M.S. Bee as a safeguard against attack but owing to the urgency of going down river to aid the survivors of the Panay disaster, H.M.S. Bee sailed without waiting for them. Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt, R.N., who will take over command from Rear-Admiral Crabbe on January 21 was aboard H.M.S. Bee.

As H.M.S. Bee was going alongside the wharf near Hohsten this afternoon a Japanese plane circled over at a low altitude.

Mr. J. V. Pickering, Manager of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Nanking branch, was picked up from the right bank by H.M.S. Bee together with Chief Petty Officer Vernon Puckett and Stoker William Hoyle, of the Panay.

Mr. Pickering stated that some twelve Europeans were about one to one and a half miles from the wharf on the same side of the river and the Bee sent a party to collect them. Mr. Pickering added that officers and the remainder of the ship's company and passengers were on the left bank but hitherto they have not been observed by the Bee owing to an intervening island. The Melting and Melhsa were burning at the wharf ahead of the Bee. The Melan was beached and deserted. She was apparently struck by a bomb on the bridge.

Reuter.

SUGIYAMA EXPRESSES REGRETS

WUHU INCIDENT WILL BE PROBED

Tokyo, Dec. 13: The Japanese War Minister, General Sugiyama, this afternoon sent a personal representative to call on the British Military Attaché to express the Minister's regrets over the Wuhu incident yesterday when H.M.S. Ladybird and H.M.S. Bee were fired on, resulting in the death of a rating aboard the Ladybird and injury to another rating and Flag Captain G. E. M. O'Donnell.

The representative was also asked to convey to the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, the War Minister's assurances that he will be conducting a personal investigation of the incident. The Japanese press publishes no information of the incident.

Reuter.

NEW AIR MAIL ROUTE

Hong Kong-Bangkok Service Starts On Sunday

Satisfactory arrangements having been concluded with the Siam Government, the change of route of the Imperial Airways service so that mails to and from Hong Kong will be carried via Bangkok instead of Penang will come into operation as from Sunday, December 19, when the R.M.A. Dorado will fly from Hong Kong to Bangkok. Places of call en route will be Port Bayard, Hanoi and Udon.

Mails from Europe will arrive in the Colony on Monday, December 20, on the R.M.A. Delphinus, also following the new schedule.

As originally notified, it is hoped that after some weeks' operation on the new route it will be possible to fly Hong Kong-Bangkok and vice versa in one day with a consequent reduction in transit time to all stations on the main trunk route between London and Australia.

Hong Kong residents and business houses should benefit greatly from the new schedule, as they will enjoy a saving in transit time as well as an additional day for the posting of their air mail letters.

Imperial Airways is also operating a special service from Bangkok to Singapore to connect with the London-Australia air service.

REFEREES' MEETING

The half-monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association was held at the Association's office yesterday evening with Mr. G. Isley in the chair. There was a general discussion on rules.

Incendiary Bombs And Fire

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they are safer to manufacture. It is possible that sodium, potassium, calcium and the cerium alloys might also be used, but as the first two are very difficult to handle it is improbable that they would be used as the main constituent. Calcium which burns with great intensity is similar in action to magnesium, but is more costly. The same applies to the cerium alloys which, also, are rare to obtain in quantity.

LIGHTER MATERIALS PREFERRED

Aircraft designed to carry limited weight would obviously carry the lighter incendiary materials with the best heat and burning capacities. A further consideration, of course, is the matter of bulk. This may rule out the use of oil, as oil is heavy and would take fire relatively slowly, and can be subdued by chemical fire extinguishers. Magnesium, once alight, burns with a great degree of intensity in oxygen, nitrogen and carbon dioxide and the burning metal runs, the flame being very bright and somewhat terrifying to persons in the near vicinity. The casing of most incendiary bombs is made of this metal and is readily ignited by the incendiary compound contained within.

Thermite is considered to be the most-used constituent in an incendiary bomb. It is a mixture of metallic aluminium powder and iron oxide and burns at a temperature of up to 3,500 degrees centigrade and is ignited by a fuse on impact. The fuse usually consists of a ribbon of magnesium terminating in a ball of barium peroxide in contact with the mixture. Thermite used without admixture with other incendiary material burns quickly and cannot be extinguished by orthodox means—water, chemical extinguishers and sand—owing to the presence of oxygen in the iron-oxide. The magnesium casing is ignited by the thermite, and to stay the spread of fire it is necessary to exclude, as far as possible, the surrounding air. Water, as a means of extinguishing burning magnesium would be useless and would possibly cause the spreading of fire.

SULPHUR FUMES

Thermalloy, which contains sulphur, and burns more readily than thermite is difficult to approach because of the sulphur dioxide fumes given off. Phosphorus and carbon disulphide when used as an incendiary compound also give off objectionable fumes and the former is particularly to be feared owing to the difficulty in extinguishing phosphorus in its dry state. Many of the unused yellow phosphorus bombs, broken down after the great war, were responsible for mysterious fires.

Another type of bomb, having generally the same constituents of the smaller ones, is known as the multiple bomb which, exploding on impact, scatters portions of the bomb and further explosions distribute the burning material over a fairly large area. An advantage of this bomb is said to be that owing to its weight it can be dropped more accurately, and has a greater penetrative power. In the event of a bomb striking its objective in an irregular manner it is likely that it would not explode.

I trust you have gathered the right impression of these bombs by my brief reference to them and possibly visualise the difficulties which will beset the community if they were dropped in large numbers in the city districts of Hong Kong and Kowloon.

THE EFFECTS

I now pass to the effects on their objectives, namely buildings of all types, oil installations, gas and electric light undertakings and the like.

The degree of penetration of an incendiary bomb naturally depends on certain conditions, such as the height from which it is dropped, its construction and weight, the resistance and stability of the surface on which it drops. It is considered that a small incendiary bomb would penetrate an ordinary type of roof, such as the tile and drople-roots of many domestic and godown buildings of Hong Kong and ignite on the floor of the top storey. Reinforced concrete roofs of about 5 inches in thickness would probably prevent penetration by the small type of bomb and in the case of heavier bombs would diminish the penetrative power.

LEVEL HEADEDNESS ESSENTIAL

We now come to the question of dealing with incendiary bombs which have penetrated buildings and here, I may mention, the

human element may either succeed or fail, success depending on the coolness and level headedness of the persons on the scene.

On the sounding of an air raid warning occupiers of buildings, particularly those with roofs of little stability should take the following precautions.

(A) Denude the two upper floors of all inflammable material or goods of a combustible nature.

(B) Spread sand or dry earth liberally over the floors.

(C) Provide on the landings and other points of vantage, buckets of sand, with small scoops for throwing same.

(D) Provide long handled shovels for placing sand on the burning material of the bomb, if this is practicable.

(E) Provide dark glasses, similar to those worn by oxy-acetylene and electric welders, to offset the glare of the burning material.

(F) If flat pieces of metal sheet are available keep them at hand to throw over the burning substance or use them as shields to repel heat to facilitate approach to the burning material.

Having taken these precautions do not stand under or near weak portions of the structure, but keep at hand in positions affording some protection such as arches, beams or concrete roofs.

If a bomb penetrates the premises assemble all available persons to cover the burning material with dry sand or earth to minimise the burning effect; use long handled shovels to move fragments of the burning material to a safe place; do not use water or chemical fire extinguishers on the burning material of the bomb as this may cause an explosive effect, use sand scoops for throwing sand on portions of the bomb material.

It is apparent that these reports will not succeed call the fire brigade immediately.

Water and chemical fire extinguishers may be used to extinguish fire which has been caused to the inflammable fittings, but it is very inadvisable to use them directly on the incendiary material of the bomb.

ANTI-FIRE UNITS

I will now touch generally on fire precautions and formations of anti-fire units in business and industrial undertakings. I am sure you will all agree that fire precautions, important in normal times, are rendered immensely more important when the risk of war becomes to be considered, for these call for special precautions which need not be considered in time of peace.

Firstly, the risk of conflagrations occurring is greatly increased. The most serious aspect being, of course, the dropping of incendiary bombs. There may also be the risk of incendiarism by enemy agents and, the risk of fires occurring from accidental cause is proportionately greater.

Secondly, a new factor is introduced by the possibility of numerous outbreaks of fire occurring in widespread localities at the same time. This situation rarely occurs in peace time, but when it does, it absorbs all the existing peace-time appliances. Under air-raid conditions it may well occur that all fire-fighting resources of the Government Fire Brigade may be in action at a number of fires and not immediately able to attend to all the calls received.

Thirdly, there is the additional danger of falling bombs crippling the normal water supply or the volume and pressure will be reduced by heavy off-take for dealing with fires.

Fourthly, the damage to roads, caused by falling bombs may be such as to retard or prevent the movement of heavy fire appliances from one place to another, or seriously delay assistance.

CONSTANT INSPECTION

For the reasons I have just quoted, it will be seen that it is incumbent upon all who are responsible for business and industrial undertakings to review their fire precautions at close intervals of time, with the object of guarding against these risks, particularly in the matter of provision of suitable apparatus and water supplies. In Hong Kong the Fire Brigade Department make an annual inspection of some 250 private fire hydrant services and submit a report to the interested parties on the defects found during the inspections. This report is in the nature of a safeguard under peace time conditions that expensive fire appliances, once provided, should be maintained in such condition that they can be used at any time. It may surprise many to know what amount of private fire apparatus exists in Hong Kong.

At the present time there are fire hydrant installations in factories, oil installations, dockyards, generating stations, emporiums, theatres, hotels and many other types of large buildings.

With these advantages in the matter of possession of good apparatus, coupled with good organisation most of the premises, where these appliances are installed may be regarded as miniature fire stations, or fire posts, which, if manned by men of some training would be valuable, not only for the protection of the particular premises in which they are installed, but to their less fortunate neighbours.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

The immediate measures to be taken should be the full overhaul of the fire precautions already in force with these war risks especially in view, with the following objects.

(1) Reducing the fire risk by cutting down to a minimum the amount of inflammable material which might be readily ignited by bombs, special attention being paid to spaces immediately under roofs, or in top floors having roofs of doubtful stability.

(2) Organising regular fire drills with the staff, such drills being conducted by a person of some experience.

(3) Detailed inspections of the fire-fighting arrangements and the fire-fighting appliances provided and adding to and improving same to meet the increased risks.

(4) Formation of and training fire parties with regular fire drills. By this I mean systematic training in keeping the employees familiar with their particular duties and the places where fire may be expected to be most serious. The greatest importance should be paid in the matter of giving facilities for the apparatus to be handled and used as though under actual fire conditions. It will be found that by regular training and drills the staff will rapidly become confident and experienced in their duties.

(5) Providing, wherever possible, supplementary water supplies in tanks, buckets or any convenient receptacle.

(6) Providing appliances to enable fire parties to remove incendiary bombs from a point where there is inflammable material, and sand, and means of applying it, to hold the bombs in check. Again, it must be remembered that water must not be used on the bomb itself.

THE FIRE PARTIES

The fire parties should consist of as many able bodied persons as can be mustered under the charge of a responsible person. I will give a brief outline of their duties as I visualize what they should be on the sounding of an air raid warning.

(1) Each party proceed to their allotted stations, say, two to three persons to one fire hydrant point.

(2) Remove the hose from the box in which it is normally contained and lay it out on the floor in the vicinity of the fire hydrant, make the necessary connections.

(3) If fire pumps are provided, station one man, preferably with electrical experience, to actuate the pump on receiving the signal.

(4) Test the valve to note that it is working freely and ready for use.

(5) See that a liberal supply of sand is distributed over floors.

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PROJECTED ACTIVITY OF S.M.R.

Economic Development Of North China

Tokyo, Dec. 13. Mr. Yosuki Matsuo, President of the South Manchurian Railway, arrived to-day reportedly to seek Government understanding for the projected activity of the S.M.R. Company in North China.

Mr. Matsuo, in an interview, admitted to have submitted to the Government his private plan for the economic development of North China in August but said the plan was much misrepresented by the press. He said the S.M.R. want to manage the railways and harbour works in North China together with the coal mining along the railways in North China and opined that the management of other industries including raw cotton, cotton spinning and salt must be left to others.

He said the S.M.R. possesses ¥500,000,000 available for the economic developments of North China and hopes to raise another ¥100,000,000 in North China.

Reuter.

CHINESE MOBILE UNITS

Recapture Towns Around Shanghai

Hanchow, Dec. 13: Chinese mobile units, which have been very active around Shanghai during the past few days, are reported to have recaptured Nanwei, south of Chuanshan on the Kiangsu coast, and the district seat of Taitang, north of Shanghai, a military despatch states.

It is also reported that Wusheng, which has been besieged by Chinese troops for more than one week, has also fallen.

Upon entering Nanwei the Chinese troops shot and killed one, Wu Tse-cheng, head of the so-called "peace maintenance committee." Owing to the sudden appearance of Chinese mobile units around Shanghai, the Japanese are sending large fleets of planes to Chungpu, Sunkiang, Chinsan, Wukiang, Quinsan and Kiating for reconnaissance purpose.—Central News

JAPANESE TROOPS IN HOME OF GENERALISSIMO

Shanghai, Dec. 13. While still encountering furious resistance Japanese forces extended their gains on the eastern corner of Nanking as the result of a powerful onslaught in which bombers were supported by the ground forces below.

Among buildings the Japanese troops have occupied, according to Japanese reports, are the headquarters of the Military Affairs Commission, the Military Academy, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's home, the National Government office and offices of the Executive Yuan.—Reuter.

TRAIN WITH EVACUEES

FROM NANKING AND HANKOW

The train bearing the evacuees from Hankow and Nanking arrived from Canton at 9.20 p.m. last night. There were 51 British, 31 Americans and 13 Germans, a large number of them being missionaries.

Interviewed by a "Daily Press" representative most of the evacuees said that they had an excellent trip and never once sighted a Japanese plane. The journey was quite uneventful.

The train from Canton bore a large Union Jack on the roof. A large number of friends had gathered at the Kowloon Railway Station to greet the evacuees who also included 35 Chinese among whom were over ten officials of the Ministry of Railways.

GESTURE, NOT DEMAND

London, Dec. 13. It is learned in London that before H.M.S. Bee left for Hohsten, Rear-Admiral Holt told the Japanese to inform their artillery and bombers that he was sailing notwithstanding the standstill order and asked six Japanese officers to accompany him. It is learned that the action was more in the nature of a gesture of good faith than a demand that they be regarded as hostages. As no reply was received H.M.S. Bee left without them.—Reuter.



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Huddersfield DASH INTO LEAD

Charlton Fight Back

Huddersfield Tn. 1
Charlton Ath. 1
This was a game of two phases in which Huddersfield, after dashing themselves on the rocks of the solid Charlton defence, had to admit equality. It was a hare and tortoise kind of race, with Huddersfield taking the lead and the slow, solid Charlton plunging steadily along to draw level.

In the first half a mercurial Huddersfield swept into attack from the start, and gave John Oakes and his men the fright of their lives. From Chivers to Beasley, every Huddersfield forward put all he knew into forcing a way to goal, yet just as surely Charlton cleared.

A free kick gave Huddersfield the lead, for Beasley collected the ball from Mountford's kick and drove hard at Bartram. So hard that the goalkeeper had to let it rebound to the feet of Chivers, who scored. The goal was well deserved, but it had cost Huddersfield a great deal in energy, and until half-time they eased pressure.

The interval gave Charlton the respite they needed, and they returned refreshed and slowly gained control of the game. They were much heavier than Huddersfield, and their weight carried them through. Just as, in the first half, Huddersfield had seemed certain to score, so now did Charlton.

The goal almost came with 15 minutes to go, but a shot from Hobbs struck the goal-post and went "dead." Five minutes later, in a scramble in the goal-mouth, Tadman put the ball past Hesford.

SPECTATOR'S FACE SMACKED

AT FOOTBALL MATCH

A scene at the Sheffield Wednesday v. Barnsley match at Barnsley, when a well-known Wednesday supporter had his spectacles broken was described at Barnsley police court recently.

William Walker, former secretary manager of Sheffield Wednesday and a former English international, was summoned for assaulting Dorell H. Foxon, a chartered accountant and a member of Sheffield City Council, of Hanging-water-road, Sheffield, and for wilfully breaking Mr. Foxon's spectacles.

Mr. W. E. Wise, prosecuting, said that Wednesday were being pretty badly beaten and there was considerable shouting among the spectators. Mr. Walker approached Mr. Foxon and said something. Without any warning Mr. Foxon received two fairly violent blows on the face from Walker. His glasses were broken.

Foxon, giving evidence, said he did not do anything to cause Walker to attack him.

Cross examined by Mr. R. L. Craig, Foxon said that roughly speaking the Wednesday management did not seem to have the faintest notion of running a football club.

Mr. Craig: Is it an opinion you have often expressed to directors that the defendant is incompetent?—Not exactly that, I have said that things were being managed badly. You cannot blame one man all the time.

Walker, in evidence, said that the Sheffield Wednesday management had engaged police to watch Foxon. During the match on Nov. 6 he heard a shout, "Where's Billy Walker?" Five minutes later Foxon shouted, "Where is he, where is he?"

"Later I saw Foxon near the players' entrance," he said. "When he was about six feet from me I was under the impression that he was going to strike me. I knocked his hat off, and hit him on the side of the face with my open hand, knocking his glasses off."

Foxon, he said, had hissed a word at him. The word was written on a piece of paper and handed to the Bench. After the incident several people shouted, "You did not hit him hard enough."

Foxon denied using the word. Donald Craig, a director of Sheffield Wednesday, said that Foxon's behaviour was so offensive that the club was seeking powers to have him barred from the ground.

The Bench dismissed both summonses on payment of 8s costs.

SUNDERLAND OUT OF LUCK

But Gallacher's Goal Was Questionable

Sunderland ... 2 Liverpool ... 3
It perhaps does not excuse Sunderland being beaten at home to say that an elbow or a "clicked" foot in the penalty area was the cause of a shot from a Sunderland forward going wide on more than one occasion.

On the other hand it was plain to most of the spectators that Gallacher got Sunderland's second goal by pushing an opponent on to his face, thus leaving the space for his header. Gallacher, who began on the left wing, went inside for while, and returned to the wing, had a poor match.

Sunderland carried a "passenger" on the right wing too. Young Spuhler was in the wars so often that he could not even take his own corner kicks. Carter and Gurney had therefore to do the donkey work, and it was small wonder that Liverpool could hold Sunderland's repeated attacks. Kirby and those immediately in front of him earned the honours of the game by quick tackling and excellent covering. Cooper's sense of position was invaluable.

The feature of Liverpool's forward play was the quickness with which they jumped into their stride. Nieuwenhuys was always dangerous, and Shatto was at least good enough to extend Johnston to the full.

With a lead of two goals, scored by Fagan and Nieuwenhuys in 20 minutes, Liverpool looked set for victory, but excepting that Hanson scored a lucky goal in the 24th minute of the second half with a shot that might have gone anywhere, they were more often defending than attacking. Carter and Gallacher had put Sunderland on terms by the interval and after that Sunderland, try as they did, had all the bad luck going.

Broadcasting And Journalism

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As broadcaster and journalist Mr. Vernon Bartlett has visited almost every country in Europe, often at exciting times, talked with many a famous statesman, and attended many an international conference, decisive and indecisive. In "This Is My Life" he tells the story of his experiences with grace, modesty and humour.

Mr. Bartlett thinks that broadcasting on foreign affairs was much the most difficult work he has ever undertaken. It made him well known. But it was physically, mentally and emotionally arduous; he was always subjected to much worrying criticism. He was glad when it ended, not only because it restored his freedom, but also because he was beginning to think he was "somebody really important." Nor did he altogether regret the manner of his retirement. "The most valuable lesson of the B.B.C. phase," he reflects, "was that self-respect is so much more important than the respect of others."

Mr. Bartlett has spent the greater number of his working years as a journalist; and he has many interesting stories to tell of the pleasures and pains that beset the journalist's path.—"Daily Telegraph."

RIDER KILLED

Mr. James Sheffington Jones, of Poplar Hall, Chorlton, Cheshire, Chief Customs officer at Ellesmere Port, was fatally injured when his horse bolted. Mr. Jones, who was 56, was an experienced horseman and made desperate efforts to check the horse after it had taken fright. The animal ran for nearly a mile and a half, and then threw Mr. Jones, whose skull was fractured.

NEW EYE OPERATION

Dr. J. W. Tudor Thomas, the Cardiff eye surgeon, has performed operations at the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital by which the corneas from the eyes of specially bred rabbits have been grafted on to diseased human eyes. Remarkable operations have been made by Dr. Thomas. In recent years. By one method he removes the opaque cornea of the eye and replaces it with cornea from the eye of a person hopelessly blind.

DEATH SENTENCE ON MOTHER-IN-LAW

Mme. Josephine Mory, wife of a hairdresser, was condemned to death at Douai for the murder of her daughter-in-law. Her son, an army officer, gave evidence against her.

The daughter-in-law was strangled by Mme. Mory. She was formerly Mlle. Yvette Godefroy, who was stated to have spent a year at convent in Wakefield, Yorkshire. During a holiday she stayed also with Mr. and Mrs. George Shepherd, of Woodwood Mount, Leeds.

According to the evidence, Mme. Mory had determined that her son should make a rich marriage. When he fell in love with Mlle. Godefroy, his mother arranged for a detective to make investigations about the girl, and a false report was drawn up about her.

MOTHER'S THREAT

In this way Mme. Mory prevented her son from marrying his fiancée for two years. The marriage took place eventually, however, and when the mother discovered it she swore that she would kill her son's wife even if she had to pay the death penalty for it.

After terrorising her daughter-in-law, despite the presence of her baby grandson, Mme. Mory finally broke into the girl's house, strangled her and hanged her on the knob of the kitchen door in an endeavour to make the death look like suicide.

Lt. Mory was twice near to collapse as he gave evidence against his mother.

"Several times," he said, "I tried to conciliate her, but in vain. When she came to see me she railed at me all night."

While he was giving evidence Mme. Mory sobbed "My son!" and tried to stop him. Lt. Mory did not look at her, however.

Crowds gathered in the street last night, before the trial was concluded, and when the woman was escorted to the van which was to take her back to prison, there were shouts of "Kill her, kill her!"

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DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS

Hong Kong Stock Exchange Sharebrokers' Association

Buyers	Sellers	Price	Volume	Monday, Dec. 13	Buyers	Sellers	Price	Volume
Banks								
		\$1.510		H.K. Banks			\$1.510	
		288		Do. (London)			288	
		218		Chartered Bank			218	
		232		Morant Bank			232	
		215		Do.			215	
		185		Bank of East Asia			185	
				N. C. & S. Bank				
				Insurance				
		1272		Union Insurance			1272	
		1015		Union Insurance			1015	
		114		Underwriters			114	
		2346		H.K. Fire			2346	
				International Assoc. S.				
				Shipping				
		148		Douglas			148	
		18		Steamship			18	
		151		Indo-China (pref.)			151	
		142		Do. (def.)			142	
		95		Shells			95	
		19.30		Waterways			19.30	
				Mining				
		18/9		Kailash			18/9	
		16.30		Indo-China (pref.)			16.30	
		95		Vietnam Gold Fields			95	
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
		1118		H.K. & W. Wharves			1118	
				Provident (old)				
		35 cts.		Do. (new)			35 cts.	
		1234		H.K. & W. Docks			1234	
				Shanghai Docks S.				
				New Engineering S.				
				Lands, Hotels, and Buildings				
		10.30		H.K. Hotels			10.30	
		132		Do. 42 Dabenters			132	
		1100		Shanghai Land S.			1100	
				Metropolitan Land S.				
		1.85		H.K. Realities			1.85	
				China Do.				
		84		Do. Dabenters			84	
		186		Hampshire			186	
				China Estates				
				Cotton Mills				
		113		Ewe			113	
		177		Shui Cotton (old)			177	
				Do. (new)				
		834		Star Ferries			834	
				Yankee Ferries				
		11.30		China Lights (old)			11.30	
		11.30		Do. (new)			11.30	
				Do. Rts.				
		153		H.K. Electric			153	
		153		Macao Do.			153	
		114		Sandakan Lights			114	
		126		Telephones (old)			126	
		19.30		Do. (new)			19.30	
				China Buses S.				
		23/9		Tractions			23/9	
		23/		Do. (pref.)			23/	
				Industrials				
		1.70		Coldbeck, (old) S.			1.70	
		12.80		Macgregors (pref.) S.			12.80	
		13.80		Canton Ties			13.80	
				Chemicals				
		12.55		Hope			12.55	
		12.80		Do.			12.80	
		13.80		Do.			13.80	
				Miscellaneous				
		34		Dairy Farms			34	
		1.60		Ch. Bainmonts			1.60	
		11.00		Constructions, (old)			11.00	
				Do. (new)				
		18		Lane Crawford			18	
		11		Nanyang Tobacco			11	
		11		Sincere			11	
		14		Watsons			14	
		73 1/2		S. C. Enterprises			73 1/2	
		57 1/2		Ch. G. 52 1925 G. 3 Bds.			57 1/2	
		147		Ch. G. 52 1925 G. 3 Bds.			147	
		40		Ch. G. 52 1925 G. 3 Bds.			40	
		21/		Ch. G. 52 1925 G. 3 Bds.			21/	
		46		Ch. G. 52 1925 G. 3 Bds.			46	
		75 cts		Ch. G. 52 1925 G. 3 Bds.			75 cts	

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

(British Wireless Service)

	Dec. 9	Dec. 10
Paris	147-7/8	147-5/8
Geneva		21.602
Berlin	12.392	12.40
Athens		95-3/16
Milan		19.40
Copenhagen		4.99-11/16
Stockholm		8.98-9/16
Shanghai		
New York		
Amsterdam		
Vienna		
Brussels	1424	
Madrid		
Lisbon		
Hong Kong		
Bombay		
Montreal	4.99	181
Brussels	29.392	29.302
Yokohama		
Belgrade		
Monte Video		
Rio		2-41/64
Bucharest		
Silver (Forward)	18-11/16	4.892
Silver (Spot)	18	18-13/16
War Loan	31 1/2	101 1/2

Closing Quotations

On London	On New York
Telegraphic Transfer	Bank Bills, on demand 2 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	Credit, 60 days sight 2 1/2
Credit, four months	On demand
On Shanghai	Bank Bills, on demand 5 1/2
On demand	Credit, 4 months sight 5 1/2
On Singapore	On demand
On demand	On demand
On Japan	On demand
On demand	On demand
On India	On demand
Telegraphic Transfer	On demand
Bank, on demand	On demand

THE EXCHANGE MARKET

MESSRS. ROZA BROS.

Silver prices dropped over the week-end to the extent of 1/8 for Ready and 3/16 for Forward, the quotations being 18 13/16 and 18 1/2 respectively. Silver advices reported the market as being steady.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 499.77. New York-London was quoted at 499.13/18.

MARKET

Inclined to easiness. Fairly active.

STERLING

Opened with sellers at 1/3 December resulting in some business subsequently at this rate for December. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/2 31/32 December-February and 1/2 15/16 March, buyers at 1/3 Cash-February and 1/2 31/32 March.

U.S. DOLLARS

Business was done at 31 3/18 January, finishing at 1 p.m. with sellers at 31 3/16 December, 31 1/8 January-February and 31 1/16 March, buyers at 31 1/4 Cash, 31 3/16 January-February and 31 1/8 April.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 105 11/16, buyers bidding 105 7/8. Later the selling rate receded to 105 1/2, buyers at 105 11/16 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

There were sellers of Sterling at 3/16, buyers probably at 1/2 13/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars, sellers at 29 9/16, buyers at 29 5/8 for Spot.

IN THE AFTERNOON

The market was quiet in the afternoon and no business was reported, finishing with sellers of Sterling at 1/2 31/32 December-February and 1/2 15/16 March, buyers at 1/3 Cash-February and 1/2 31/32 March.

U.S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers at 31 3/16 December, 31 1/8 January-February and 31 1/16 March, April.

MENTAL CLINIC FOR GUYS

An anonymous gift of £43,000 will enable Guy's Hospital to build a psychiatric clinic for the treatment of mental illnesses—the first to be established in conjunction with any general teaching hospital in Britain. The money has been given by "Five Friends," whose names are not known even to Prof. T. B. Johnston, the hospital's superintendent.

Many complaints which the layman classes as "nerves" will be treated and studied at the new clinic, but its range will also cover those serious mental disorders which fall short of certifiable insanity. At least four full-time medical officers will work at the clinic, under the direction of Dr. R. D. Gillespie, Physician for Psychological Medicine at Guy's.

"The clinic will be of great value to both patients and medical students," Prof. Johnston said. "The kind of cases we shall take here are now received only in special mental institutions. The vague stigma of insanity makes patients unwilling to enter these places and their relatives reluctant to send them there."

"Many people who would benefit by psychological treatment, therefore, never receive it until their illness becomes serious. But the provision of a psychiatric clinic within the walls of a general hospital like Guy's will enable such patients to be treated without feeling that they are in a "mental" institution."

"From the teaching point of view Guy's will have the advantage of facilities for the study of psychological medicine. Hitherto students could gain this experience only by going from one mental hospital to another."

Among typical illnesses which would be treated at the clinic said Prof. Johnston, were:

Obsessions in otherwise sane people;

Nervous breakdowns in brain-workers and business men;

Psychological disturbances in adolescents; and

Incipient kleptomania, often met with in schools and other institutions.

The new clinic will provide 42 beds for patients of moderate means, in addition to the six beds already available in the hospital for psychiatric cases.

Building will begin in the New Year, and the clinic is expected to be ready for occupation early in 1939. It will adjoin the extension to the nurses' home, towards which Lord Nuffield has already made a conditional gift of £20,000.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(Through Reuter's Service)

QUOTATIONS

New York, December 13.

	High	Low	Last	Close	Change
New York/London Cross-rate	8.12	8.07	8.12	8.07	.05 off
New York Cotton—Mar.	15.73	15.63	15.73	15.63	.10 off
Chicago Wheat—May	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	1 1/2 off
Chicago Corn—May	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	5/8 off
Winnipeg Wheat—May	115 1/2	114 1/2	115 1/2	114 1/2	1 off
Silver—Official					unquoted

	High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	Dec. 10	High	Low	Close	Change
1937	194.40	113.64	30	193.72	137.31	136.08	136.83	.11 up
48.46	39.16	30	Rail	34.17	32.40	32.01	32.36	.19 up
37.54	18.54	30	Utilities	21.58	22.01	21.88	21.97	.01 off
105.89	91.54	40	Bonds	83.68			83.67	.9 up
82.44	62.03	11	Commodity Index	53.72			53.83	.09 off

Business Done:—390,000 shares.

Stocks	Dec. 10	11	Stocks	Dec. 10	11
Adams Express	91	91	Great Northern Ry.	25 1/2	26
Allis Chalmers	452	461	Great Western Sugar	29 1/2	29 1/2
Amer. Can.	79	78 1/2	Holly Sugar Corpn.	—	—
Amer. Car & Foundry	—	—	Humble Oil	62	62
Amer. Cyanamid	23 1/2	23 1/2	Int. Nickel	43 1/2	43 1/2
Amer. & For. Power	42	41	Int. Tel. & Tel.	6	6
Amer. & For. 37 pf.	21 1/2	22 1/2	Int. Dept. Stores	12	12
Amer. Locomotive	22 1/2	22 1/2	Kennecott Copper	37 1/2	37 1/2
Amer. Metals	30 1/2	30 1/2	Lambert Corpn.	14	14
Amer. Radiator	13 1/2	13 1/2	Loew's Inc.	48 1/2	48 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	21 1/2	20 1/2	Lorillard	18 1/2	18 1/2
Amer. Smelting	49	48 1/2	McIntyre Porcupine	—	—
Amer. Steel F'dries	26	26 1/2	McKesson & Robbins	15 1/2	15 1/2
Amer. Sugar	150	149 1/2	Montanto Chemical	85	85
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	65 1/2	65	Montgomery Ward	34 1/2	34 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	132	132	Murray Corpn.	—	—
Amer. Waterworks	32 1/2	31 1/2	Nat. Cash Register	17	17
Anacosta Copper	40 1/2	41 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	14 1/2	14 1/2
Atchafson, T. & S. Fe.	—	—	Nat. Distillers	22 1/2	22 1/2
Atlantic Refining	8	7 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	8 1/2	8 1/2
Atlas Corpn.	6 1/2	7	New York Central	19 1/2	19 1/2
			Niagara Hudson P.	—	—

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All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 27th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th inst. at 10 a.m. by our surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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Hong Kong, 13th Dec., 1937. [5617]

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Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. MESSAGERIES MARITIMES CO. Hong Kong, 12th Dec., 1937. [5614]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th Dec., 1937, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 17th Dec., 1937, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All Claims must reach us before the 18th Jan., 1938, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JEBSEN & CO. Agents.

Hong Kong, 11th Dec., 1937. [5607]

HEROIC DEFENCE OF NANKING

Hankow, Dec. 13. Nanking is still in Chinese hands; so much seems certain from news received here on Sunday afternoon. On Sunday forenoon, all telegraphic and telephone communication with Nanking was interrupted for hours, and the wildest rumours were in circulation to the effect that the capital city had been conquered by the Japanese. Towards 11 o'clock, however, communication was restored.

According to reports from Nanking, the Japanese attacked with renewed vigour at dawn on Sunday, Japanese aircraft being particularly active in bombarding the city. For some hours, bombs literally rained from above, so that houses were continuously shaken by explosions. From official Chinese quarters it is, however, learned that the Japanese have not yet set foot in Nanking, and that repeated attacks all failed owing to the heroism of the Chinese troops. Early Sunday morning, the Nanking telegraph station was hit squarely so that communications were interrupted for hours. The damage could, however, ultimately be made good, and chief

PHILIPPINE MINING NEWS

NABAGO GOLD AND SILVER

Mines, Inc. will order a 100-ton milling plant for its property in the Surigao district as soon as a checking examination of the property is made, by its engineers. Test work on the ore has been completed by the Engineering Equipment and Supply Company, and the proposed flow-sheet will be that of a combination cyanidation-amalgamation plant, with flotation possible in the future. Mr. Tuggle said. The examination will be made by G. T. Geringer, R. W. Stramler, and A. E. Kaiser.

Mr. Geringer is at present on an examination trip in Borneo, and will be back shortly.

SUYO-MARAPUDO MINING Exploration, Inc. will ship 1,200 tons of chromite ore from its Sta. Cruz, Zamboanga property. In preparation for the first shipment, a three-kilometer road joining the firm's road to a private road of

the Zambales Chromite Company has been completed.

Antonio Rosado Opisso and the engineer of the company left recently to lay out plans for the construction of a 100-meter pier in Sta. Cruz for loading ore.

Mr. Gorospe who has just arrived in Manila from a three-day inspection of the mines stated that active development work is going on in the property. He said that more than 200 labourers are employed. Four additional bunk houses for labourers have also been completed, and a mine physician has been appointed to take care of the health and sanitary conditions in the mines.

Average assays taken from the various sections of the property in Sta. Cruz is 47.09 chromite. After the first shipment at the end of the month, the corporation expects to double the production by the first month of next year.

40,000 RARE BANKNOTES

Man Accused Of Stealing Them

The alleged theft of a collection of banknotes, claimed to be the finest in the world, led to a charge heard recently at West London Police-court.

Harold Jones, 33, a glass blower, who refused to give his address, was remanded in custody, charged with stealing between Sept. 21 and 22 from an unoccupied house at Avonmore-road, West Kensington, 110 leather-bound volumes, containing 40,000 banknotes of various countries, valued together at £15,000.

The notes were the property of Mr. Frederick Ernest Catling, a cinema proprietor. Jones was further charged with receiving them.

CASE IN CLOAKROOM Det.-Insp. Arthur Sands stated that he saw Jones detained at Somers Town Police Station and added:

"I informed him I had been told that he had just collected an attaché case marked 'Mr. F. Carr. To be called for' from the cloakroom at King's Cross railway station. Jones said 'Yes, that is right'."

"When Jones was searched, an envelope addressed to a certain person was found in his jacket pocket. I showed it to Jones, and he said: 'I am not going to say anything about him'."

"When I told him later that he would be charged with stealing and receiving the property, Jones said, 'If you let me see my wife I will show you where the collection is. It is on its own. There is no one with it'."

"I said, 'I will take you, where you like by car.' He was silent for a moment and then said 'No I will stick it'."

"Jones was charged at Hammer-smith police station when he said, 'Not guilty.'"

40 YEARS' WORK

Mr. Catling had been collecting the notes all over the world for 40 years, continuing the work begun by his father. It contained several first Bank of England issues, four Chinese notes more than 1,000 years old, notes issued by Gen. Gordon during the siege of Khartoum, and other rare and historic specimens. The face value of the notes was more than £10,000,000.

connections with outside places were renewed.

A number of bombs exploded in the so-called safety zone, which up till now has not been recognised by the Japanese. Material damage is said to be great, but nothing is known about loss of life. That this has occurred is, however, more than probable, since the safety zone is an area about two kilometres long by one kilometre wide, where more than 100,000 fugitives are all crowded together.

In Hankow, every report from the metropolis is received with feverish tension. Official circles emphasise that the heroism of Nanking's defenders surpasses all parallel and has enabled them to face, without yielding, the technical superiority of the enemy. Despite the almost uninterrupted downpour of grenades and bombs, the gallant defenders stood unflinching at their posts and with the greatest bravery advanced again and again against the attacking Japanese, whose attempts to take the city by storm hitherto have failed every time owing to stubborn resistance by Chinese troops. — Transocean News Service.

SALES OF TWO ESTATES

5,800 Acres Change Hands

Two large estates, one in Kent and the other in Lincolnshire, together covering over 5,800 acres, recently changed hands. It is understood that both have been acquired for investment purposes.

In Knight, Frank and Rutley's Hanover-square rooms Mr. Alfred J. Burrows, of Alfred J. Burrows, Clements, Winch and Sons (Ashford and Cranbrook), obtained £40,100 under the hammer for the Hengherst Estate, Woodchurch. This residential, sporting and agricultural property lies in the Weald of Kent.

It runs to 2,522 acres, and comprises the mansion, grounds and parklands, farms, small holdings, accommodation lands and pasture, two private residences and 20 cottages. Mr. E. M. Lowe (Heathfield) bought it on behalf of a client.

The Elkington Estate, Louth, Lincolnshire, which has been in the ownership of the Smyth family for centuries, has been sold by Vincent Harley and Co. (Kensington Gardens-square) to Elkington Estates Ltd., a concern with registered offices at Grimsby. This 3,300-acre agricultural and sporting estate, lying on the Lincolnshire Wolds, takes in the parishes of North and South Elkington, Brackborough and Fotherby.

At their auction Knight, Frank and Rutley withdrew Shrubbs Hill Place, Sunningdale, with 40 acres, when bidding ceased at £2,400. A block of 24 acres of building land at Shepperton, zoned for 12 houses to the acre, was put back at £13,000.

ADAM DECORATIONS

Capt. G. H. de Vernon Wilbraham has instructed the Northampton office of Jackson Staps and Staff (Curzon-street, Mayfair) to let on lease Delamere House, Northwich, Cheshire. Included in a tenancy may be the home farm and parklands of about 128 acres, and shooting over 1,500 acres.

Built and planned by Wyatt in 1785, the mansion was decorated by the Adam brothers. The Elizabethan mantelpiece in the dining-room was brought from the Wilbraham's old house in Nantwich. Delamere House has never before been let or leased outside the family. It has been occupied by five generations of Wilbrahams.

Recent sales effected by the Wimbledon branch of Hampton and Sons (Arlington-street) include Oaklea, Wimbledon Common, a commodious house and eight acres having valuable building frontages; Oxford Lodge, facing the common, with nearly two acres; 69, Murray-road; Hill Lodge, Marryat-road; 53, Ridgway-place, The Ridgway, and 8 Kingsmere-road, Wimbledon Common; Warren Lodge, Kingston Hill, in pleasant grounds; and Elmcoke, the Downs, and 15, Lansdowne-road, Wimbledon, the last with George Trollope and Sons.

At prices between £2,000 and £3,700, Rodney Scott and Co. (East. Sheen) have lately dealt with Thelred, Emdon, Freemantle, 13, Berwyn-road 28, Stonehill-road, East Sheen; Kingsclere, Roehampton; and 18, Queens-crescent, Richmond.

Buyers have been found by Gale, Power and Co. (Staines) for 21 acres of building land, forming part of Hengrove Farm, between Staines and Ashford, Middlesex, to be developed as the Coronation Garden Village; Willow House,

FAMOUS EXPLORER IN CALCUTTA

Hope Of Continuing His Work In India

Dr. Wilhelm Flichner, the famous German explorer and geographer, who is now 60, has reached Calcutta following the completion of his notable expedition through China, Mongolia, Turkestan and Little Tibet, says the "Statesman."

Though Dr. Flichner looks extraordinarily fit, and declares himself to be so, he is deeply perturbed at the results of a medical examination he recently underwent while in Bombay. During the adventure from which he has just returned he encountered enormous difficulties and endured such rigorous physical hardships that some of the legacies left by the mishaps of previous expeditions have begun once more to make their presence felt.

Doctors fear, for instance, that there may be an internal rupture; thrown from a fractious camel two years ago in West Tsalidan in Mongolia, Dr. Flichner fell so that the back of his head came in violent contact with the ground, and to this accident is attributed persistent pains in the neck which now seriously interfere with sleep.

Four times his right foot has been injured; first in the War, next during a climbing expedition in the Alps, then it was trodden on by a yak and finally, last year, a large stone from a landslide came hurtling down a steep slope once to injure the same foot, the owner fortunately escaping more serious consequences from the landslide.

In spite of what the doctors have told him, however, Dr. Flichner, though worried, is unwilling to contemplate the prospect of having to abandon in the future the large-scale adventures for which he is noted in favour of less ambitious and less formidable undertakings. He will probably seek further medical advice while in India, and ultimately he will consult Dr. Sauerbruch in Germany, which country he has not seen for four years.

Dr. Flichner will leave India in January. He hopes to be able to return by May or June next year to carry on with his work, and when that is finished he may consider the planning of another expedition provided the doctors pronounce him fit enough to carry out such a project.

He expressed, in an interview his complete astonishment at the award of £8,000 "national prize" by the recent cultural session at Nuremberg. This is the highest national award for scientists, and Dr. Flichner felt that there must be many more scientists whose claims to it are greater and more deserving than his own. "I am, however, very grateful indeed," he added.

FRENCH PRESS ON ITALY'S STEP

Paris, Dec. 13.

Italy's exit from the League and reasons given for the step by Mussolini dominate the French Sunday press.

The decision of the Grand Fascist Council naturally did not take France by surprise, because it had been expected for several days past. Newspapers emphasise that in view of many rumours which had been in circulation in the last few days, much more far-reaching decisions had been expected of Mussolini.

Vladimir Dornsehn in "Figaro" records that the Rome decision in no way alters the facts of the situation, Italy's place in Geneva has long been empty. Moreover, international policy is no longer made in Geneva. "Excelsior" regrets that Rome has closed one door that Paris and London had kept open in the hope that Italy would one day return to Geneva.

The Rome correspondent of "Le Matin" is of the opinion that only time will reveal the true significance of the step taken by Italy. The future will also show whether the consequences of the retreat of Italy, which, according to the Geneva Covenant, does not become final until after the expiry of two years, might not be weakened or even annulled by negotiations that could take place in the interval. — Transocean News Service.

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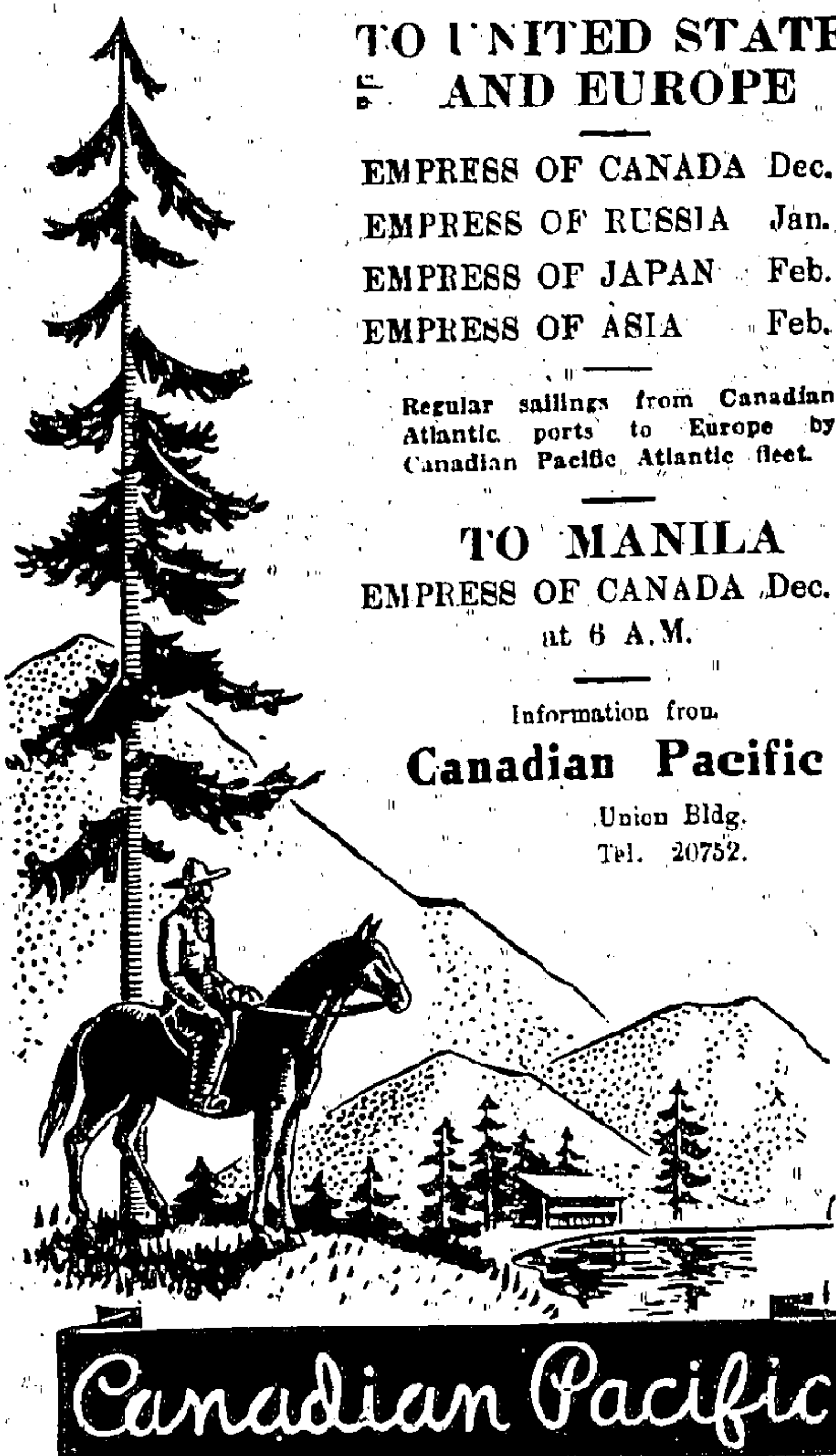
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Anyo Maru (N. Y. K.), Japanese
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Cleared on the same day for Singapore.Behar (P. & O. S.N. Co.), British
str. left Kobe at 2 p.m. on Dec. 9,
and is due here on Dec. 14 at about
6 a.m.Blackheath (Thoresen & Co.), British
steamer, Captain Reid, 3,702 tons,
arrived on September 9 from Portland.
Lying at North Point.Changto (Butterfield & Swire), British
steamer, Captain F. C. G. Gumbrell,
2,579 tons, arrived December 11 from
Melbourne via Manila, general cargo.
Berthing at A. P. C. Wharf.Chongta (Butterfield & Swire), British
str. Captain B. C. Finch, 1,338 tons,
arrived on December 7 from Saigon.
Lying at Stonecutters.Emmy (J. M. & Co.), Greek str.,
Captain J. Michailidis, 2,474 tons,
Lying at Kowloon Dock.Empress of Canada (C.P.S.), British
str. Capt. W. T. Kinley, 12,811 tons,
arrived at Kobe on Dec. 12 at 5 p.m.,
and left Kobe on Dec. 13 at 6 a.m.
She is due at Hong Kong on Dec. 14
at noon and will leave Hong Kong for
Manila on Dec. 17 at 6 a.m.Empress of Japan (C.P.S.), British
steamer, Captain L. Douglas, 15,725
tons, left Honolulu on Dec. 9 at 4 p.m.
She is due at Vancouver on Dec. 14
at 2 p.m. and leaves Vancouver on
Dec. 25 at 11 a.m.Empress of Russia (C.P.S.), British
str. Capt. T. E. Patrick, 8,739 tons,
arrived at Vancouver on Nov. 29 at
8/10 p.m. and leaves Vancouver on
December 11 at 11 a.m. She is due at
Hong Kong on December 30 (Thurs-
day) at a.m. and will proceed to
Kowloon Dock for annual overhaul
after discharge of cargo.Feng Lee (Yee Tai Hong), Chinese
steamer, Captain T. Marol, 605 tons,
Lying at Tai Koo Dock.Fau Sang (J. M. & Co.), British
str. Capt. S. J. Barden, 1,232 tons,
arrived on December 11 from Canton.
Cleared December 13 for Swatow.Feng Lee (Yee Tai Hong), Chinese
steamer, Captain T. Marol, 605 tons,
Lying at Kowloon Dock.Fingal (East Asiatic & Co.), Norwe-
gian str., Captain Kallenborn, 1,244
tons, arrived December 8 from Osaka.
Lying at Kowloon Dock.Foo Shing (J. M. & Co.), British
steamer, Captain Walter, 1,423 tons,
arrived on November 18 from Saigon.
Mooring at buoy No. 88.Gertrude Maersk (Jensen's), Danish
str., Captain A. Jorgensen, 3,155 tons,
Lying at Tai Koo Dock.G. G. Paul Doumer (M. M. & Co.),
French str., Capt. P. B. Morant, 734
tons, arrived on December 11 from
Haiphong via K. C. Wan, gen. cargo.
Mooring at buoy No. 135.Gleniffer (J. M. & Co.), British
steamer, Capt. Jollivet, 6,044 tons,
arrived December 11 from Singapore.
Cleared December 13 for Swatow.Hai Hing (Thoresen & Co.), Norwe-
gian str., Capt. E. B. Hannevig, 1,445
tons, arrived Nov. 17 from Swatow.
Mooring at buoy No. 82.Hai Lee (Thoresen & Co.), Norwegian
str., Captain T. Davidson, 2,150 tons,
arrived on December 11 from Hongkong.
Cleared December 11 for Hoihow.Hai Shing (Doddwell & Co.), Chinese
steamer, Captain P. Book, 2,074 tons,
Lying at Stonecutters.Hai Yang (Douglas & Co.), British
str., Capt. W. G. Ervin, 1,431 tons,
arrived on December 11 from Swatow.
Berthing at Douglas Wharf.Hai Yu (Doddwell & Co.), Chinese
str., Capt. V. Andreasen, 1,988 tons,
Lying at Stonecutters.Haldia (Wo Fat Sing), British
steamer, Captain A. Hall, 1,431 tons,
arrived on December 12 from Swatow.
Cleared on the same day for Hongkong.Haidor (Thoresen & Co.), Norwegian
steamer, Capt. J. Jorgensen, 3,400 tons,
arrived December 13 from Samarinda.
Lying at Yau Ma Tei.Hellas (Thoresen & Co.), Norwegian
str., Capt. J. Nielsen, 1,115 tons, ar-
rived Dec. 11 from Bangkok via S'tow.
Mooring at buoy No. 811.Hindenburg (Jensen & Co.), German
str., Capt. Friske, 4,836 tons, arrived
Dec. 10 from Manila, general cargo.
Lying at Kowloon Bay.Ixon (Butterfield & Swire), Bri-
tish steamer, Captain J. O. Connor,
4,524 tons, arrived December 5 from
Seattle via Milke, general cargo.
Mooring at buoy No. A3.Java (East Asiatic & Co.), Danish
steamer, Capt. Skjoldum, 5,525 tons,
arrived on November 13 from Kobe.
Mooring at buoy No. A4.Kidderpore (P. & O. Line), British
str., left Singapore at 11 a.m. on Dec.
8 (via Sulphur Channel), and is due
here on Dec. 15 at about 7 a.m.Kweiyang (Butterfield & Swire), Bri-
tish str., Capt. D. Williamson, 1,580
tons, arrived on Dec. 9 from Bangkok.
Mooring at buoy No. B15.Lee Sang (J. M. & Co.), British
str., Captain C. M. Oster, 972 tons,
arrived on December 10 from Swatow.
Cleared December 13 for Canton.Mawatta (Geo. Grimble), American
str., Capt. Jose Encarnacion, 408 tons,
arrived on November 30 from Manila.
Lying at Yau Ma Tei.Nanchang (Butterfield & Swire), Bri-
tish str., Capt. J. Middleton, 1,488 tons,
arrived on December 8 from Canton.
Lying at Tai Koo Dock.New Orleans (Thoresen & Co.),
American steamer, Capt. J. McKrich,
3,634 tons, arrived Hong Kong Dec-
ember 13 from Manila, general cargo.
Mooring at buoy No. A7.Paula (A. P. C.), Dutch steamer,
Captain A. J. Moerman, 1,319 tons, ar-
rived on November 18 from Amoy.
Lying at Lai Chi Kok.Produce (Texas & Co.), Norwe-
gian str., Captain E. Winsnes, 743
tons, arrived Nov. 14 from Macao.
Lying at Stonecutters.Promiss (K. Larsen & Co.), Norwe-
gian str., Capt. Hotvedt, 727 tons, ar-
rived Dec. 11 from Penang, gen. cargo.
Lying at Stonecutters.Pruiser (Hing Pheng Hong), Nor-
wegian str., Capt. E. Stormer, 1,577
tons, arrived on Dec. 10 from Saigon.
Mooring at buoy No. C1.Santha (B.I. & Apen Line), British
steamer, Captain R. Redwood, 4,841
tons, will leave Amoy for this port on
December 14, and is due here on
December 15.Tal Poo Sek (Tai Fung & Co.),
French str., Capt. J. Bonnamour, 1,219
tons, arrived Dec. 10 from K. C. Wan.
Mooring at buoy No. B8.Tai Suen Hong (J.M. & Co.), British
steamer, Capt. Courqueneux, 1,300 tons,
arrived December 7 from Sandakan.
Mooring at buoy No. B22.Talamba (M. M. & Co.), British str.,
Captain D. R. Sinclair, 3,844 tons,
Lying at Tai Koo Dock.Tengy Maru (M.B.K.), Japanese str.,
Capt. J. Murakami, 2,302 tons, arrived
Dec. 12 from Milke, general cargo.
Mooring at buoy No. A15.Thurland Castle (Doddwell & Co.),
British str., Captain R. L. Hughes,
3,938 tons, arrived on November 30
from Manila, cargo—fuel oil and etc.
Lying at Lai Chi Kok.Ting Sang (J. M. & Co.), British
str., Captain R. E. Smith, 1,222 tons,
arrived on December 10 from Swatow.
Cleared December 13 for Canton.Tinsacra (J. M. & Co.), Dutch
str., Captain J. Adriaanse, 5,783 tons,
arrived here on December 10 from
Sourabaya via Manila, general cargo.
Mooring at buoy No. A17.Trave (Meichers & Co.), German
Bremen via Manila, general cargo
steamer, Captain R. Harder, 4,899
tons, arrived December 13 from
Canton on the same day for Dairen.Tinnan (Butterfield & Swire), British
steamer, Capt. S. Barling, 2,100 tons,
arrived on December 10 from Swatow.
Cleared December 13 for Swatow.Tunai (Far East & Co.), Hungarian
str., Captain H. Harty, 1,569 tons,
arrived December 7 from Keelung, coal.
Mooring at buoy No. B23.Unita (Doddwell & Co.), Norwegian
str., Capt. H. Kvamso, 2,345 tons,
Lying at Lai Chi Kok.Vardaa (A. P. C.), Norwegian
steamer, Capt. F. Jensen, 1,869 tons,
Lying at North Point.Williamdra (Doddwell & Co.), British
str., Capt. Williamson, 3,664 tons, ar-
rived Dec. 11 from Manila, flour, etc.,
Mooring at buoy No. A11.Petrol is now being used in the
Army as fuel for travelling field
kitchens instead of wood or coke.The Army in India claims to be
the first in the world to be pro-
vided with oil-cooking equipment
for use in war. This equipment
was used in the recent operations
on the North-West Frontier. The
benefit from the point of view of
mobility, it is stated, was consider-
able.Formerly 3lb of firewood for
cooking had to be transported
daily for each soldier at the front.
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was replaced by 8oz of fuel oil.Lord Wakefield's
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ing schemes they had undertaken,
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sary to free them both from debt.The first, Queen Mary Day Nur-
sery, was opened some months ago.
An extension to the second,
Frances Mary Buss House, was
declared open by Lord Wakefield
recently. It was stated at the cere-
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Calvert—Newcastle, Sheffield, and
Glasgow, to which will shortly be
added the Birmingham, now com-
pleting her trials.These five sister ships are the
fastest, and among the largest,
"light" cruisers ever built for the
British Navy.Five other cruisers of the same
general type, but slightly larger,
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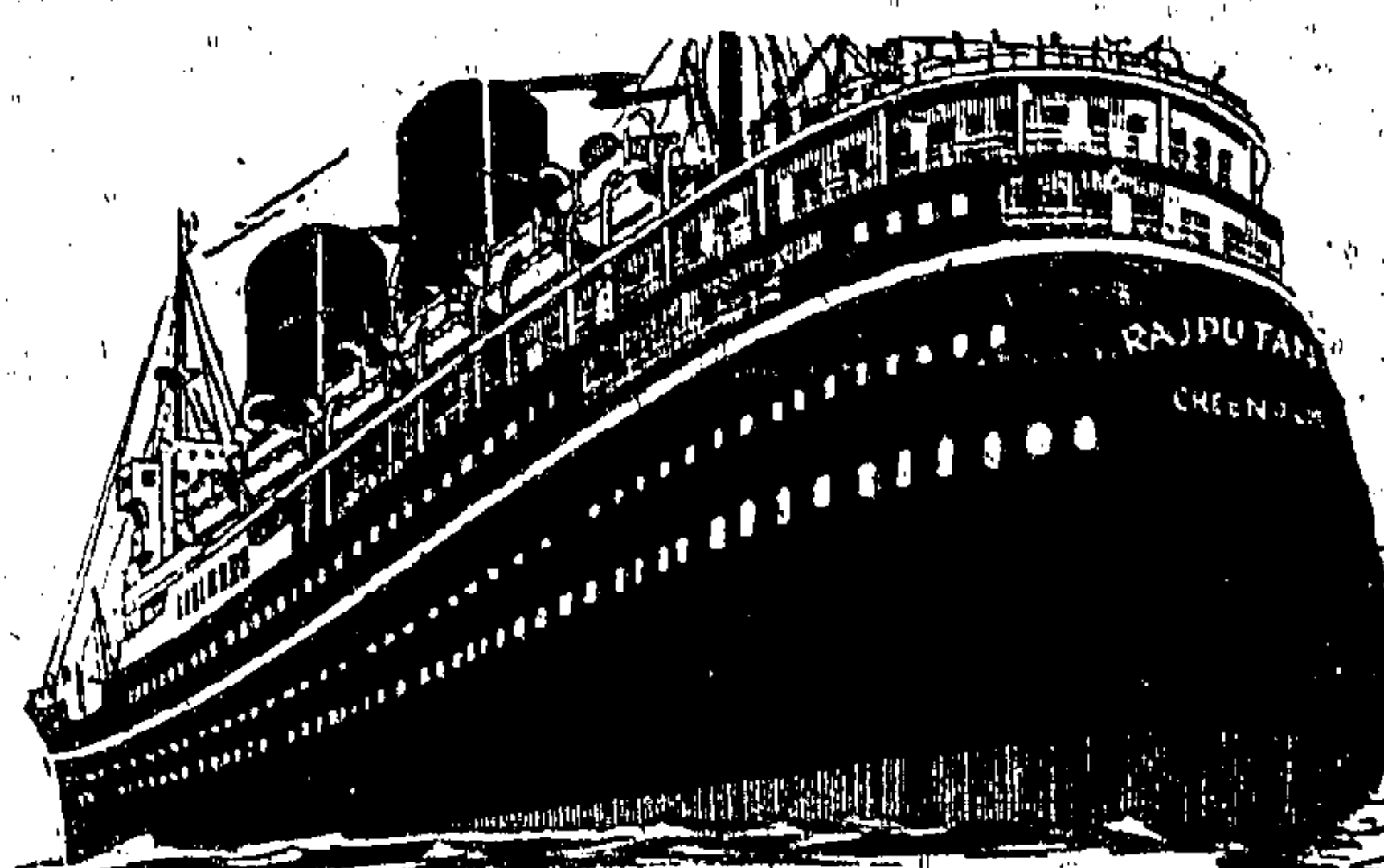
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